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THIS is a common year of 365 days. It is the 98-99th of the independence of the United States; the 6,587th of the Julian period; the 357th since the commencement of the Great Reformation; and the 311th since the publication of the Heidelberg Catechism.


Address of the Almanac Man to its Readers and Friends.


WE commence our Almanac this year by placing together on its title-page two of the most celebrated and most profound questions and answers contained in any uninspired work. They have deeply moved and instructed many thousands of God's people, and are continually verifying themselves anew in the experiences of life. Truly, they are worthy to be printed in letters of gold, and impressed upon the memory and heart of every one.


WE trust this Almanac will commend itself to all its readers. We have, unfortunately, been compelled this year to commence its preparation at so late a day as not to have time to remodel the column of "Remarkable Days" as we would wish; but we hope to do so in the coming year. We have aimed to make the Almanac an annual that will be welcome alike to old and young, and worthy of preservation from year to year. May the months and days and hours of the year 1874 be sanctified to all our readers.


SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC, OR HUMAN ANATOMY.


ARIES  governs the Head and Face.

GEMINI,

The Arms.

LEO,

The Heart.

LIBRA,

The Reins.

SAGITTARIUS,

The Thighs.

AQUARIUS,

The Legs.



TAURUS,

The Neck.

CANCER,

The Breast.

VIRGO,


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
















The Secrets.

CAPRICORNUS,

The Knees.

PISCES  The Feet.

NAMES AND CHARACTERS OF THE PLANETS.

 New Moon.	 Moon in general.	 Mars.	 Ascending Node.
 First Quarter	 The Sun.	 Jupiter.	 Descending Node.
 Full Moon.	 The Earth.	 Saturn.	 Conjunction.
 Last Quarter.	 Mercury.	 Herschel.	 Opposition.
	 Venus.	 Neptune.	 Quadrature.

Eclipses in the Year 1874.

In the year 1874 there will be two Eclipses of the Sun and two of the Moon, viz.:

- I. Total Eclipse of Sun, April 15th. Invisible.
- II. Partial Eclipse of Moon, April 30th. Invisible.
- III. Annular Eclipse of Sun, Oct. 9th. Invisible.
- IV. Total Eclipse of Moon, Oct. 25th. Visible.

Moon enters shadow, October 25th, 0h. 3m. morning. Total Phase begins, 25th, 1h. 21m. morning. Middle of the Eclipse, 25th, 1h. 38m. morning. Total Phase ends, 25th, 1h. 55m. morning. Moon leaves shadow, 25th, 3h. 13m. morning.

Fixed and Movable Festivals.

Epiphany,	Jan. 6
Shrove Sunday,	Feb. 15
Ash Wednesday,	Feb. 18
First Sunday in Lent,	Feb. 22
Palm Sunday,	Mar. 29
Good Friday,	Apr. 3
Easter Sunday,	Apr. 5
Rogation Sunday,	May 10
Ascension Day,	May 14
Whitsunday,	May 24
Trinity Sunday,	May 31
Advent Sunday,	Nov. 29

1st Mo.

January, 1874.

31 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon.....	2d.	1h.	25m.	Eve.
Last Quarter.....	10d.	2h.	17m.	Eve.
New Moon.....	18d.	2h.	22m.	Eve.
First Quarter.....	24d.	7h.	4m.	Morn.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-3, Clear and cold, with strong westerly winds; 4-6, cloudy; 7-10, gloomy, with snow-storms, then very cold; 11-13, cold and windy; 14-17, cloudy and very cold; 18-21, moderating; 22-25, pleasant; 26-31, colder, with snow.

Week	DAYS	MONTH	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON'S SIGN	MOON Ri. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
Th.	1		<i>New Year.</i>	7 21	4 48	ADD		4 11	11 33	in Perig.	20
Fr.	2		Abel, Séth.	7 21	4 48	4 27		5 11	morn	2. ♀ in	21
Sa.	3		Enoch.	7 21	4 49	4 54		6 10	0 30	♀ in ♍ 4,5:35 m.	22
1) 2d Sunday after Christmas.				Matt. i: 8.				Day's length, 9h. 40m.			
Su.	4		Methuselah.	7 21	4 50	5 22		7 10	1 24	♂ in ♍ 9:44 m.	23
Mo.	5		Simon.	7 21	4 51	5 48		8 09	2 14	♂ H ☾ 4,2:42 e.	24
Tu.	6		<i>Epiphany.</i>	7 21	4 52	6 15		9 10	3 01	☿ stat. 7:0 m.	25
We.	7		Isidor.	7 21	4 53	6 41		10 06	3 44	♀ in	26
Th.	8		Erhard.	7 20	4 54	7 06		11 04	4 25	♂ ♃ ☾ 10:55 e.	27
Fr.	9		Julian.	7 20	4 55	7 31		morn	5 04	♂ in	28
Sa.	10		<i>Paul's impr.</i>	7 20	4 56	7 55		0 01	5 43	10. ♃ in	29
2) 1st Sunday after Epiphany..				Luke ii: 41.				Day's length, 9h. 47m.			
Su.	11		Eugene.	7 20	4 57	8 19		0 58	6 23	♂ in	30
Mo.	12		Rinehold.	7 19	4 58	8 42		2 00	7 06	H in	31
Tu.	13		Hilary.	7 19	4 59	9 05		3 06	7 52	☉ in	1
We.	14		Felix.	7 19	5 00	9 27		4 10	8 42	♂ in Aphel. 2:3 e.	2
Th.	15		Maurice.	7 18	5 01	9 48		5 17	9 37	☐ ☿ ☾ 7:58 e.	3
Fr.	16		Marcellus.	7 18	5 03	10 09		6 22	10 36	♃ stat.	4
Sa.	17		Anthony.	7 18	5 04	10 29		sets.	11 37	18. ♂ ♀ ☾	5
3) 2d Sunday after Epiphany.				John ii: 1.				Day's length, 9h. 57m.			
Su.	18		<i>Franklin.</i>	7 17	5 05	10 48		5 14	even.	♂ ♀ ☾ 17,9:45 m.	6
Mo.	19		Sarah.	7 17	5 06	11 06		6 44	1 37	♂ ♂ ☾ 18,11:21 m.	7
Tu.	20		Sebastian.	7 16	5 07	11 24		7 59	2 32	☉ ent. 19,2:0 e.	8
We.	21		Agnes.	7 16	5 08	11 41		9 15	3 24	♂ ♂ ☾ 6:25 m.	9
Th.	22		Vincent.	7 15	5 10	11 57		10 26	4 13	♂ ♀ ♀ 2:16 e.	10
Fr.	23		Charitas.	7 15	5 11	12 13		11 38	5 02	♂ ☿ ☾ 24.	11
Sa.	24		Timothy.	7 14	5 12	12 27		morn	5 51	24. ♂ ♂ ☾	12
4) 3d Sunday after Epiphany.				Matt. viii: 1.				Day's length, 10h. 8m.			
Su.	25		<i>Paul's conv.</i>	7 13	5 13	12 41		0 48	6 42	♀ enters	13
Mo.	26		Polycarpus.	7 13	5 14	12 54		1 58	7 34	♀ in	14
Tu.	27		J. Chrysost.	7 12	5 15	13 06		3 10	8 29	♂ H ☾ 28,7:51 m.	15
We.	28		Charles.	7 11	5 16	13 17		4 17	9 25	♂ ♀ ♂ 31,3:11 m.	16
Th.	29		Valerius.	7 10	5 17	13 28		5 18	10 21	♂ in	17
Fr.	30		Adelgunda.	7 09	5 18	13 37		6 13	11 16	♃ in	18
Sa.	31		Virgil.	7 08	5 19	13 46		7 00	morn	♂ H ☾ 8:13 e.	19

JANUARY.

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God. . . He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes. Ps. cxlvii. 1, 16.



REMARKABLE DAYS IN THE HISTORY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

(It is our intention to make a collection of all the more remarkable dates and days in the history of the Reformed Church in Europe and America. As the list would be far too long for one Almanac, we have concluded to make a commencement this year by giving those down to the death of Zwingli, in 1534. We hope to continue the list in future Almanacs.)

- Nov. 10, 1483. Martin Luther born in Eisleben.
- Jan. 1, 1484. Ulrich Zwingli born in Waldhus, Switzerland.
- Feb. 16, 1497. Philip Melancthon born in Brettau, in the Palatinate.
- 1505. John Knox, the Reformer of Scotland, born near Waddington.
- July 10, 1509. John Calvin born in Noyou, in the Picardy.
- 1512. Publication of Commentaries on the Pauline Letters, by Prof. Le Fevre, at Paris; decidedly evangelical. One of his scholars was Wm. Farel, the Reformer in Geneva.
- 1516. Zwingli commences to preach in Glarus that the Bible stands higher than all human authority in matters of faith, and must be obeyed.
- 1517. Zwingli openly preaches the gospel and denounces the corruptions of Rome.
- Oct. 31, 1517. Luther nails his ninety-five theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg.
- Oct. 1518. Zwingli is called to Zurich and inaugurates the Reformation there.
- 1518. The Reformation commenced in Hungary; the first edict of persecution issued in 1523; the second in 1525.
- 1518. Zwingli receives the first information concerning Luther through a friend in Belgium.
- March, 1519. Zwingli receives the first of Luther's writings.
- 1520. The Council of Zurich gives permission to all ministers in cities and the country to preach the gospel according to the Word of God.
- June 8, 1520. Oecolampadius and Haller hold a public disputation with the Papists in Baden.
- 1520. The Reformed doctrine preached in Basle by Capito and Hedio.
- 1522. The Knight Steinach is the first one who ventures to introduce the gospel into the Palatinate.
- 1522. Oecolampadius becomes professor of theology in Basle, and on the thirtieth of August, 1522, has a disputation with the Papists.
- 1522. Bremen won for the Reformation by Henry of Sutfphen.
- 1522. The gospel preached in Schaffhausen by Hofmeister; in St. Gallen by Vadianus, Bungaver and Kessler.
- 1522. A chief inquisitor appointed by Charles V. for the Netherlands; heavy persecutions commenced,

in consequence of which more than 30,000 faithful members of the Reformed Church died as martyrs and thousands of the best citizens fled the land abiding, for the time being, on German soil, on the Lower Rhine.

- 1522. The Bohemian brethren enter into communion with Luther, and later with Zwingli.
- Jan. 23, 1523. Zwingli receives a letter from the Pope (Hadrian IV.), full of praise, designed to lure him back into the Romish Church.
- 1523. The Reformation introduced into Poland, and openly preached in Thorn, from the year 1530 on.
- Jan. 29, 1523. The first disputation at Zurich between Zwingli and the Papists, in which he defends sixty-seven theses in presence of a vast audience, resulting in the formal introduction of the evangelical doctrine into the Canton.
- 1523. The first child baptized according to the German baptismal formulary of Zwingli.
- July 1, 1523. Three martyrs of the Reformed Church in Holland burned at the stake by the Papists: namely: Henry Voes, John Esch and Lamper Thorn.
- 1523. Introduction of the gospel into Berne, through Haller and Meyer.
- 1523. Introduction of the Reformed doctrine into Biel.
- 1523. The gospel preached and received in Granbunden through Comander.
- 1523. Muehlhausen, in Alsace, won for the Reformation through Ulrich von Huetten.
- Aug. 1523. Zwingli issues his work, *De Canone Missae*.
- Oct. 26-28, 1523. The second disputation by Zwingli at Zurich, at which three hundred and fifty ministers are present, in which he attacked the mass and the pictures in the churches.
- Nov. 1523. Zwingli publishes his work, "Brief Christian Introduction," on the subject of the mass and pictures.
- Jan. 25, 1524. The third public discussion held in Zurich in regard to the abrogation of the mass.
- Feb. 15, 1524. William Farel has a second disputation in Basle.
- 1524. Reformation of the Canton Appenzell through Walter Klarer.
- 1524. The Reformation introduced into Zweibruecken (Palatinate) by Palsgrave, Louis II.
- June, 1524. Members of the Council and ministers were directed to proceed to the churches in the cities and country and to remove the pictures. These were in part burnt (the superstitious ones), partly preserved in other localities, and the valuable ones sold for the benefit of the poor.
- Easter, 1525. The first celebration of the Lord's Supper in the cathedral at Zurich.
- Aug. 13, 1525. The Council of Zurich abolishes the mass and removes the pictures from the churches.

2d Mo.

February, 1874.

28 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon.....	1d.	5h.	57m.	Morn.
Last Quarter.....	9d.	10h.	51m.	Morn.
New Moon.....	16d.	1h.	37m.	Eve.
First Quarter.....	23d.	5h.	7m.	Morn.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-4, Cloudy; 5-8, clear and pleasant; 9-11, cold; 12-14, snow; 15-17, cloudy and cold; 18-21, clears off pleasant; 22-25, mild, but cloudy; 26-28, snow-storms.

WEEK	DAYS	DAYS	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN	SUN	EQUAT.	MOON	MOON	MOON	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD
		MONTH		RISES	SETS	TIME.	SIGNS	Ri. & Se.	South.		STYLE
				F. M.	H. M.	M. S.		H. M.	H. M.		
5) Septuagesima Sunday.			Mark xx: 1.			Day's length, 10h. 22m.					
Su.	1		Virginia.	7 07	5 21	ADD		5 59	0 07	♂ in ♈	20
Mo.	2		Candlemas.	7 06	5 22	14 01		6 58	0 55	♀ in ♈	21
Tu.	3		Blasius.	7 05	5 23	14 07		7 57	1 39	♂ ♀ ☉ sup.	22
We.	4		Veronica.	7 04	5 24	14 13		8 55	2 21	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	23
Th.	5		Agatha.	7 03	5 25	14 17		9 50	3 01	♂ ♄ ☾ 5:42 m.	24
Fr.	6		Dorothy.	7 02	5 26	14 21		10 47	3 40	♂ in ♈	25
Sa.	7		Romaldus.	7 01	5 27	14 24		11 47	4 19	♀ in Aphel. 1:4 e.	26
6) Sexagesima Sunday.			Luke viii: 4.			Day's length, 10h. 37m.					
Su.	8		Solomon.	7 00	5 29	14 27		morn	5 00	♄ in ♈	27
Mo.	9		Appolonia.	6 58	5 30	14 28		0 47	5 44	♂ ♀ in ♈	28
Tu.	10		Scholastica.	6 57	5 31	14 29		1 52	6 31	☉ in ♈	29
We.	11		Euphrosine.	6 56	5 33	14 29		2 57	7 22	♂ in ♈	30
Th.	12		Gilbert.	6 55	5 34	14 28		4 03	8 18	♂ in ♈	31
Fr.	13		Jordan.	6 54	5 35	14 27		5 06	9 18	♂ enters ♈	1
Sa.	14		Valentine.	6 53	5 36	14 25		6 01	10 19	♀ in ♈	2
7) Quinquagesima Sunday.			Luke xviii: 31.			Day's length, 10h. 51m.					
Su.	15		Faustine.	6 51	5 38	14 22		sets.	11 19	♂ ♄ ☾ 3:13 m.	3
Mo.	16		Julianus.	6 50	5 39	14 18		5 35	even.	♂ ♀ ☾	4
Tu.	17		Theodulus.	6 49	5 40	14 14		6 51	1 12	♂ ♀ ☾	5
We.	18		Ash Wednesd.	6 48	5 41	14 09		8 08	2 04	☉ enters ♈	6
Th.	19		Susanna.	6 46	5 42	14 03		9 22	2 55	♂ ♄ ☾ 3:45 m.	7
Fr.	20		Eucharius.	6 45	5 43	13 56		10 37	3 45	♂ ♄ ☾ 0:21 e.	8
Sa.	21		Eleonore.	6 44	5 44	13 49		11 51	4 37	♂ in ♈	9
8) Quadragesima Sunday.			Matt. iv: 1.			Day's length, 11h. 6m.					
Su.	22		Washington.	6 43	5 45	13 41		morn	5 30	♂ in ♈ 11:47 e.	10
Mo.	23		Serenus.	6 41	5 46	13 33		1 03	6 25	♂ ♀ ☉ sup.	11
Tu.	24		St. Matthew.	6 40	5 47	13 24		2 11	7 21	♂ in ♈	12
We.	25		Victor.	6 39	5 49	13 14		3 15	8 17	♄ in ♈	13
Th.	26		Nestor.	6 37	5 50	13 04		4 11	9 12	♂ in ♈	14
Fr.	27		Leander.	6 36	5 51	12 53		4 58	10 03	♂ in Perih. 1:41 e.	15
Sa.	28		Macarius.	6 35	5 52	12 42		5 36	10 52	♂ ♄ ☾ 0:16 m.	16

FEBRUARY.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. James v. 7.



- Nov. 6, 1525. Zwingli has a public disputation at Zurich with the Anabaptists.
1525. Luther's German Bible translated into Dutch by Liesveld.
1525. Zwingli publishes his great work on theology, "Commentaries on the True and False Religion."
1526. The Reformation carried through in East Friesland by Aportanus, a scholar of Zwingli.
1526. Tyndall and Fryth banished from England by Henry VIII. to Holland, where they translated the Bible into English, and circulated it in England through merchants.
1527. Patrick Hamilton preaches the gospel in Scotland, and is burnt at the stake by the Papists, through the influence of Archbishop Beaton.
- Jan. 6, 1528. Zwingli holds a public disputation with the Papists in Berne.
1529. Farel preaches the gospel in Berne, Murten, Neuenberg and Lausanne.
- Oct. 2, 1529. Disputation on the Lord's Supper at Marburg between Zwingli and Oecolampadius on the Reformed side and Luther and Melancthon on the Lutheran side.
1530. Herman, Bishop of Cologne, makes an effort to introduce the Reformation into his diocese, but fails.
1531. Translation of the whole Bible into Swiss German, three years before the translation of Luther.
1531. Farel arrives in Geneva and carries through the Reformation. The mass was abolished twenty-sixth of August, 1535.
- June, 1531. Zwingli publishes his "Brief Explanation of the Christian Faith." He also publishes commentaries on Isaiah and Jeremiah.
- Oct. 11, 1531. Battle at Cappel and death of Zwingli as chaplain in the army.
- Dec. 9, 1531. Election of Henry Ballinger to be the successor of Zwingli in Zurich, and Antistes of the Zurich ministers.
- Sept. 12, 1532. A General Synod of the Waldenses in Chanforans, in which they greeted the Reformation with joy, and at which a number of Reformed divines were present.
1532. Calvin converted to the gospel through study, inner conflicts and Etienne de la Forge, who soon afterward died a martyr's death.
- July 9, 1534. Henry VIII. of England cuts himself loose from the Pope, and the Parliament declares him the supreme head of the Church of England.
- July 18, 1534. Zacharias Ursinus, one of the authors of the Heidelberg Catechism, born in Breslau.
- Aug. 1, 1535. Calvin at Basle publishes his great and immensely influential work, "The Institutes of the Christian Religion," dedicated to the king of France.
- Aug. 10, 1536. Casper Olevianus, one of the authors of the Heidelberg Catechism, born in Treves.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

We have thought it not improper to give here a few forms of prayer, especially for the young.

I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Tim. ii. 8.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Ps. cxlv. 18.

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

O Lord, make me a good child. Bless my dear father and mother, and my brothers and sisters. Keep me this day and night from all sin and evil. And when I die take me to heaven; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

A CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
And if I die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take,
And this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

A CHILD'S DAILY PRAYER.

My blessed Savior, Lord divine!
I am thine own, for thou didst give
Thy precious life, that I might live
And thou art mine; with all my heart
I cleave to thee, my chosen part.
How dearly didst thou purchase me;
Oh let me never part from thee. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE TABLE.

Almighty God! the eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Bless, we beseech thee, the bounties now before us, and let them nourish and strengthen us, that we may the better serve thee, for Christ's sake. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE GOING TO CHURCH.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who on this day didst rise from the dead, raise up my soul also unto newness of life. Grant me repentance from sin, and plant me in the likeness of thy resurrection. Help me, that in the hearing of thy holy gospel, I may do it reverently and humbly, with a mind ready to learn and obey. That so I may be built up in the faith and instructed in every good work and word, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

A PRAYER WHEN A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IS SICK.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we fly to thee in this our time of need. We beseech thee to be gracious to

3d Mo.

March, 1874.

31 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon.....	2d.	11h.	43m.	Eve.
Last Quarter.....	11d.	3h.	55m.	Morn.
New Moon.....	17d.	11h.	23m.	Eve.
First Quarter.....	24d.	4h.	53m.	Eve.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-4, Clear and cold; 5-7, snow; 8-10, mild, but cloudy;
 11-13, continues cloudy, with strong westerly winds;
 14-16, clears off cold; 17-23, moderate and cloudy, then
 rain; 24-28, stormy; 29-31, pleasant.

Week	Days	Month	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME M. S.	MOON'S SIGNS	MOON Ri. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
9) 2d Sunday in Lent. Matt. xv: 21. Day's length, 11h. 20m.											
Su.	1		David.	6 33	5 53	ADD		4 47	11 37	♀ in ♈	17
Mo.	2		Simplicius.	6 31	5 54	12 18		5 49	morn	2. ♀ g. H.L.S.	18
Tu.	3		Samuel.	6 30	5 55	12 05		6 48	0 19	♂ gr. Elon.E.	19
We.	4		Veronica.	6 28	5 56	11 51		7 45	0 59	♂ ♄ ☾ 7:8 m.	20
Th.	5		Frederick.	6 26	5 58	11 38		8 40	1 38	♀ in ♈	21
Fr.	6		Fridolin.	6 24	5 59	11 23		9 38	2 17	♂ in ♈	22
Sa.	7		Perpetua.	6 22	6 00	11 09		10 38	2 57	♄ in ♈	23
10) 3d Sunday in Lent. Luke xi: 14. Day's length, 11h. 40m.											
Su.	8		Philomen.	6 21	6 01	10 54		11 40	3 40	♀ stat. 10:45 e.	24
Mo.	9		Prudence.	6 19	6 02	10 39		morn	4 25	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	25
Tu.	10		Apolonius.	6 18	6 03	10 23		0 45	5 13	♂ in ♈	26
We.	11		Ernestus.	6 17	6 04	10 07		1 48	6 06	11. ♀ in ♈	27
Th.	12		Gregory.	6 15	6 05	9 51		2 50	7 03	♀ in ♈	28
Fr.	13		Macedon.	6 14	6 06	9 34		3 46	8 01	♂ in ♈	1
Sa.	14		Zechariah.	6 13	6 07	9 17		4 36	9 01	♂ ♄ ☾ 6:34 e.	2
11) 4th Sunday in Lent. John vi: 1. Day's length, 11h. 57m.											
Su.	15		Christopher.	6 11	6 08	9 00		5 20	9 58	♂ ♄ ♀ 0:30 m.	3
Mo.	16		Cyprianus.	6 10	6 09	8 43		5 55	10 54	♂ ♄ ☾ 17,9:30 m.	4
Tu.	17		St. Patrick.	6 09	6 10	8 26		sets. 11 48		17. ♂ ♄ ☾	5
We.	18		Anshelmus.	6 08	6 11	8 08		6 56	even.	♂ ♄ ♂ 6:5 m.	6
Th.	19		Joseph.	6 06	6 12	7 50		8 13	1 32	♂ ♄ ☾ 18,8:22 m.	7
Fr.	20		Matrona.	6 04	6 13	7 32		9 28	2 25	♂ ♄ ☾ inf. 18,9:5 e.	8
Sa.	21		Benedict	6 03	6 14	7 14		10 46	3 19	♂ ♄ ☾ 19,11:30 e.	9
12) 5th Sunday in Lent. John viii: 46. Day's length, 12h. 15m.											
Su.	22		Paulina.	6 01	6 16	6 56		11 59	4 16	♂ in ♉ 20,1:20 m.	10
Mo.	23		Ellanius.	6 00	6 17	6 38		morn	5 14	♂ ♄ ☾ 20,1:36 m.	11
Tu.	24		Everhard.	5 58	6 18	6 19		1 06	6 11	☾ ent. ♈ Spring begins.	12
We.	25		Gabriel.	5 56	6 19	6 01		2 06	7 07	24. ♄ in ♈	13
Th.	26		Ann. V. Mary.	5 55	6 20	5 42		2 56	8 00	♂ in ♈	14
Fr.	27		Gustavus.	5 54	6 21	5 24		3 38	8 50	♂ ♄ ☾ 4:33 m.	15
Sa.	28		Gideon.	5 52	6 22	5 05		4 11	9 35	♀ in ♈	16
13) Sunday next before Easter. Matt. xxvii: 1. Day's length, 12h. 26m.											
Su.	29		Armogastus	5 50	6 23	4 47		4 40	10 18	♀ in ♈	17
Mo.	30		Guido.	5 49	6 24	4 28		5 04	10 58	♂ ♄ ☾ 31,6:7 m.	18
Tu.	31		Detlaus.	5 47	6 25	4 10		5 25	11 38	♀ stat. 7:54 m.	19

MARCH.

He that ploweth should
plow in hope. 1 Cor. ix. 10.



our dear —, and enable (him) to bear with patience those pains which thou dost lay upon (him). Show forth thy power and mercy in raising (him) from a bed of sickness to health. In thy mercy bless the means that are used for the restoration of (his) health. And whatever may be the issue of this sickness, grant us all a sanctified use of it, that we may have true repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Teach us to glorify thee, the God of our salvation, in our bodies and spirits, which are thine, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL ENIGMA.

44 letters.

- 17, 23, 9, 39, 3, 11, a musical wind instrument known to the Jews.
 - 19, 8, 29, 25, a religious observance.
 - 33, 15, 39, 11, 18, 32, 3, 5, a species of bean much used in cooking in the East.
 - 1, 3, 11, 30, 37, 39, 44, a village east of Jerusalem, on the road to Jericho.
 - 22, 8, 25, 26, 34, 14, a measure.
 - 43, 6, 39, 4, 10, 16, a vessel used in the service of the temple.
 - 13, 39, 7, 34, 42, a town of Galilee noted as the residence of the witch whom Saul consulted on the eve of the battle in which he perished.
 - 1, 41, 24, 44, 2, the name of a precious stone, of a green color.
 - 40, 28, 42, 24, 26, an aromatic gum which exudes from a tree known in Arabia and Abyssinia.
 - 14, 8, 39, 39, 31, a miraculous food.
 - 43, 20, 35, 38, 36, a measure derived from the length of the lower arm and supposed to be about eighteen inches.
 - 8, 21, 37, 35, 31, 5, 36, 27, 42, a substance which in ancient times was manufactured into vases or boxes used to hold perfumes.
 - 37, 29, 8, 12, 15, 32, brother of Joab distinguished for his swiftness in running.
- The whole is a part of the Sermon on the Mount.

CROSSWORD FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

My first is in Latin, but not in Greek,
My second in whisper, but not in speak,
My third is in great, but not in small,
My fourth is in bat, but not in ball,
My fifth is in battle, but not in fight,
My sixth is in loose, but not in tight,
My seventh is in write, but not in read,
My eighth is in flower, but not in weed,
My ninth is in mound, but not in ditch,
My tenth is in pine, but not in pitch,
My eleventh in fish-line, but not in hook,
My whole is a very readable book.

A SCRIPTURAL ENIGMA:

46 letters.

- 7, 29, 18, 45, a king of Israel.
 - 17, 9, 6, 1, 24, 15, 39, 33, 20, 23, 15, 41, a governor.
 - 5, 20, 10, 30, 42, 18, 2, a prophetess.
 - 29, 13, 32, 3, 18, a devout woman.
 - 26, 12, 6, 28, a city mentioned in the Old and New Testaments.
 - 8, 11, 16, 38, 18, 27, the father of a scribe.
 - 18, 35, 25, 14, 21, a river referred to in the Pentateuch.
 - 43, 23, 37, 15, 40, the son of a king of Israel.
 - 4, 30, 36, a man who entertained angels.
 - 44, 28, 31, 18, a grandson of Jacob.
 - 46, 19, 34, 18, 39, a place where a vision appeared to one of the apostles.
- The whole is a verse in the New Testament.

THE "MAN IN THE MOON."

Oh, "man in the moon!" oh, "man in the moon!"
I wonder who you are!
You're a dull-looking fellow to live so close
To the bright-faced evening star.

As you ride around with the fair, full moon,
You look crooked and ugly and old;
But I guess she likes you pretty well,
Or she'd shake you off in the cold.

Oh, where did you come from, old man, old man?
They say you have sticks on your back,
But you look to me—now I think of it—
Like a peddler with his pack.

Perhaps one time you lived down here,
And Miss Moon, wanting fancy things,
Snatched you up to her to get hold of your pack,
And then couldn't untie the strings!

And so you've lived with her ever since,
And got used to her roving ways;
But I think, old man, you will carry your pack
To the very end of your days!

Perhaps you felt proud when you first went up—
Felt grand to be living so high,
For surely not one in a thousand years
Can ride around in the sky!

But I pity you now, poor old "man in the moon!"
Don't believe you are happy at all,
With your heavy pack and crooked back,
And the constant fear of a fall.

And I think that we folks that live down here,
And don't try to get so high,
Are happier far, for we're never afraid
Of falling by and by!

4th Mo.

April, 1874.

30 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon.....	1d.	5h.	41m.	Eve.
Last Quarter.....	9d.	4h.	42m.	Eve.
New Moon.....	16d.	8h.	14m.	Morn.
First Quarter.....	23d.	6h.	25m.	Morn.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-4, Cold and stormy; 5-7, light snow; 8-13, mild and pleasant; 14-16, showers and sunshine; 17-19, westerly winds and cold nights; 20-22, thunder-storms and heavy rains; 23-25, frost; 26-28, pleasant; 29-30, showers.

Week	DAYS	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON'S SIGN	MOON Ri. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
We.	1	Theodore.	5 45	6 25	ADD		6 33	morn	☾ 1. ♀ in ♋	20
Th.	2	Theodosia.	5 43	6 25	3 34		7 32	0 17	☾ ♀ in ♋	21
Fr.	3	Good Friday.	5 41	6 26	3 16		8 32	0 57	♀ in ♋	22
Sa.	4	Ambrose.	5 40	6 27	2 58		9 33	1 38	♂ in ♋	23

14) Easter Sunday.

John xx: 1.

Day's length, 12h. 50m.

Su.	5	Maximus.	5 38	6 28	2 40		10 37	2 22	♂ in ♋	24
Mo.	6	Egesippus.	5 37	6 28	2 22		11 40	3 09	♂ in ♋	25
Tu.	7	Aaron.	5 36	6 29	2 05		morn	4 00	♂ ♀ 4:58 m.	26
We.	8	Celestinus.	5 34	6 30	1 48		0 41	4 55	♀ enters ♋	27
Th.	9	Prochorus.	5 33	6 31	1 31		1 37	5 51	☾ 9. ♀ in ♋	28
Fr.	10	Daniel.	5 31	6 32	1 15		2 29	10 49	♀ in ♋	29
Sa.	11	Julius.	5 29	6 33	0 59		3 15	7 45	♂ ♀ 7:11 m.	30

15) 1st Sunday after Easter.

John xx: 19.

Day's length, 13h. 6m.

Su.	12	Eustachius.	5 28	6 34	0 43		3 50	8 40	♀ in Aphelion.	31
Mo.	13	Justinus.	5 26	6 35	0 27		4 22	9 33	☿ stat. 7:0 e.	1
Tu.	14	Tiburtius.	5 25	6 36	0 12		4 52	10 24	♂ ♀ 9:26 m.	2
We.	15	Olympia.	5 24	6 37	SUB		sets.	11 16.	☿ gr. El. W.	3
Th.	16	Calixtus.	5 22	6 38	0 17		7 00	even.	☾ 16. ☉ eclipse, inv.	4
Fr.	17	Rudolph.	5 21	6 39	0 31		8 19	1 03	♂ ♀ 16:0:12 e.	5
Sa.	18	Æneas.	5 19	6 40	0 45		9 37	2 00	♂ ♀ 17:8:1 m.	6

16) 2d Sunday after Easter.

John x: 2.

Day's length, 13h. 24m.

Su.	19	Anicetas.	5 17	6 41	0 59		10 49	2 59	♂ ♀ 17,10:51 e.	7
Mo.	20	Sulpitius.	5 16	6 42	1 12		11 55	3 59	♂ ♀ 18,6:25 m.	8
Tu.	21	Adularius.	5 15	6 43	1 24		morn	4 58	♂ in ♋	9
We.	22	Cajus.	5 13	6 44	1 36		0 53	5 54	♂ in ♋	10
Th.	23	St. George.	5 12	6 45	1 48		1 38	6 46	☾ 23. ♂ ☿	11
Fr.	24	Albertus.	5 10	6 46	1 59		2 14	7 33	♂ in ♋	12
Sa.	25	St. Mark.	5 09	6 47	2 10		2 45	8 17	☿ in ♋	13

17) 3d Sunday after Easter.

John xvi: 16.

Day's length, 13h. 40m.

Su.	26	Cletus.	5 08	6 48	2 20		3 08	8 58	☿ ☿ 5:55 e.	14
Mo.	27	Anastasi.	5 06	6 49	2 30		3 28	9 37	♂ ♀ 6:50 m.	15
Tu.	28	Vitallis.	5 05	6 50	2 39		3 51	10 16	♀ in ♋ 27,9:31 m.	16
We.	29	Sybilla.	5 04	6 51	2 48		4 11	10 51	♀ in ♋	17
Th.	30	Eutropius.	5 03	6 52	2 57		4 31	11 36	♀ in ♋	18

APRIL.

No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke ix. 62.



THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

ITS HISTORY.

The Reformed Church is the eldest child of the Great Reformation of the Sixteenth Century. Entirely independent of Luther, and without any knowledge of his first efforts, *Ulrich Zwingli* commenced his labors, in 1516, in Switzerland, exposing the corruption of the Papal Church, and bringing men back to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. A year later *Martin Luther* commenced a similar work in Germany. In the progress of events the larger portion of Germany became Lutheran; but outside of Germany, and partly in Germany, the Protestants became known as the *Reformed Church*; and in all the different lands of Europe were substantially agreed as to doctrine, government, worship and discipline. In this way arose the "Reformed Church of Germany," the "Reformed Church of Switzerland," the "Reformed Church of France," the "Reformed Church of Holland," the "Reformed Church of Scotland" (now called Presbyterian), the "Reformed Church of England and Ireland" (now called the Episcopal Church).

ITS NAME.

No church ought to bear the name of a man. The Reformed Church has not derived its name from any man (as is the case with the Lutheran); nor from any special mode of church organization (as is the case with the Presbyterian, the Episcopal, the Congregational); nor from any peculiarity in rites, ceremonies and measures (as is the case with Baptists and Methodists); nor from any one doctrine (as is the case with the Unitarians). It holds that Christ has found but one church; but that in the course of time, specially through the selfishness and ambition of men and the wiles of the devil, a large portion of this church became very corrupt, so that a reformation became necessary, and was mercifully introduced under the guidance of Divine Providence. Therefore it prefers the name of the *Reformed Church*.

ITS HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES.

The territory of Pennsylvania was granted to William Penn by the King of England on the 4th of March, 1681. Soon after some members of the German Reformed Church, from the Palatinate and Switzerland, commenced to settle in the new colony. As early as 1684 there was formed an association of ten prominent men in Frankfort, called the "Frankfort Land Company," whose object was to send forth colonists. This they found easy to do, in consequence of the oppressed state of the people in religious matters. They purchased extensive tracts of land, namely: 5,350 acres in one township, and 22,377 acres in another township of Berks County. The Synod of South Holland reported, in 1730: "Not long after the first settle-

ment many of the oppressed inhabitants of Germany, with their wives, children and property, emigrated to Pennsylvania, especially from the Palatinate, and some districts of Nassau, Waldeck, Witgenstein and Weteran. Among them are Mennonites, Lutherans and Reformed; but at this time (1736) the Reformed form more than the half of the whole number, which is about 15,000."

The little vine planted by the fathers has grown and prospered until it is now a powerful organization, with colleges, seminaries, schools, benevolent societies, numbering nearly 600 ministers and about 130,000 communicant members.

ITS GROWTH.

Its growth for the last twenty years has been greater than that of any of the leading denominations. This can be proven very satisfactorily by an appeal to the United States Census Reports. From this source we have compiled the following tables. The Reformed Church has, in the years stated, the following:

	In 1850.	In 1860.	In 1870.
Church edifices	341	676	1,145
Sittings (or seats)	160,932	273,697	431,700
Value church property . \$993,780	2,422,670	5,775,215.	

Hence, in twenty years the edifices have increased 840, or 235 per cent.; the sittings have increased 270,786, or 168 per cent.; and their value has increased \$4,781,435, or 481 per cent.

Comparing the Reformed Church now with the leading denominations, in this respect, we have the following remarkable result:

Increase per cent. in twenty years.

	In No. of edifices.	In sittings.	In value.
Reformed Church	235	168	481
Roman Catholic	211	199	559
Lutheran	125	81	412
Episcopal	80	54	221
Methodist	60	50	371
Dutch Reformed	40	25	152
Baptist	37	23	256
Presbyterian	18	6	229

It will be noticed that in the edifices the Reformed Church has increased most rapidly of all; in increase of sittings and value the Reformed Church has been surpassed by the Roman Catholic alone.

ITS ORGANIZATION.

There is one *General Synod*, embracing the whole body, meeting triennially, the members of which are elected (an equal number of ministers and elders) by the *Classes*, in the ratio of two delegates for every ten ministers in the *Classes*.

There are five *District Synods*, elected in the same manner. The *Eastern Synod* embraces Eastern Pennsylvania and adjacent States; the *Ohio Synod* includes

5th Mo.

May, 1874.

31 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon.....	1d.	10h.	31m.	Morn.
Last Quarter.....	9d.	1h.	34m.	Morn.
New Moon.....	15d.	4h.	39m.	Eve.
First Quarter.....	22d.	9h.	40m.	Eve.
Full Moon.....	31d.	1h.	8m.	Morn.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-3, Clear, with cool mornings; 4-7, southerly winds and clouds, with occasional showers; 8-10, thunderstorms and hail; 11-13, warm; 14-16, westerly winds, and cool weather; 17-20, clear and pleasant; 21-23, warm and rainy; 24-27, clear; 28-31, warm and cloudy, but dry.

Week	DAYS	MONTH	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON'S SIGN.	MOON Rl. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	Old Style
Fr.	1		Phil. & Jas.	5 01	6 53	SUB		7 26	morn	1. ☾ ecl. inv.	19
Sa.	2		Sigismund.	5 00	6 54	3 12		8 29	0 20	☿ gr. H.L.S.	20
18) 4th Sunday after Easter. John xvi: 5. Day's length, 13h. 56m.											
Su.	3		Inv. of Cross.	4 59	6 55	3 18		9 33	1 07	☿ ♀ ☿ 11:17 e.	21
Mo.	4		Florianus.	4 58	6 56	3 24		10 34	1 57	☿ ☿ ☿ 11:19 m.	22
Tu.	5		Godard.	4 56	6 57	3 30		11 34	2 50	☿ in ☿	23
We.	6		Ægeus.	4 55	6 58	3 35		morn	3 46	☿ in ☿	24
Th.	7		Domicilla.	4 54	6 59	3 39		0 26	4 43	☿ ☿ ☿ 11:24 m.	25
Fr.	8		Stanislaus.	4 53	7 00	3 43		1 12	5 38	☿ ☿ ☿ 4:3 e.	26
Sa.	9		Beatus.	4 52	7 01	3 46		1 50	6 32	☿ in ☿	27
19) 5th Sunday after Easter. John xvi: 23. Day's length, 14h. 11m.											
Su.	10		Gordianus.	4 51	7 02	3 49		2 23	7 24	☿ in ☿	28
Mo.	11		Mamertus.	4 50	7 03	3 51		2 51	8 14	☿ in ☿	29
Tu.	12		Pancratius.	4 49	7 04	3 52		3 19	9 03	☿ in ☿	30
We.	13		Servatius.	4 49	7 05	3 53		3 48	9 54	☿ in ☿	1
Th.	14		Ascens. Day.	4 48	7 05	3 54		4 19	10 46	☿ ☿ ☿ 0:17 m.	2
Fr.	15		Sophia.	4 47	7 06	3 53		sets.	11 42	☿ ☿ ☿ 14.	3
Sa.	16		Peregrine.	4 46	7 07	3 52		8 25	even.	☿ ☿ ☿ 6:40 e.	4
20) Sunday after Ascension Day. John xv: 26. Day's length, 14h. 23m.											
Su.	17		Venantius.	4 45	7 08	3 51		9 35	1 42	☿ ☿ ☿ 6:50 m.	5
Mo.	18		Liborius.	4 44	7 09	3 49		10 39	2 43	☿ in ☿	6
Tu.	19		Peter Celest.	4 43	7 09	3 46		11 32	3 42	☿ stat. 7:40 m.	7
We.	20		Torpetus.	4 42	7 10	3 43		morn	4 37	☿ ☿ ☿ 8:12 e.	8
Th.	21		Prudence.	4 41	7 11	3 40		0 13	5 27	☿ in ☿ 11:2 e.	9
Fr.	22		Julia.	4 40	7 12	3 36		0 35	6 13	☿ in ☿	10
Sa.	23		Desiderius.	4 39	7 13	3 31		1 12	6 55	☿ in ☿	11
21) Whitsunday. John xiv: 15. Day's length, 14h. 35m.											
Su.	24		Johanna.	4 39	7 14	3 28		1 35	7 35	☿ ☿ ☿ 0:23 e.	12
Mo.	25		Urbanus.	4 38	7 15	3 20		1 55	8 14	☿ ☿ ☿ sup. 24.	13
Tu.	26		Beda.	4 38	7 16	3 14		2 16	8 54	☿ stat. 24, 10:30 e.	14
We.	27		Florence.	4 37	7 17	3 08		2 35	9 34	☿ in Perihel. 26.	15
Th.	28		William.	4 37	7 18	3 01		2 58	10 16	☿ in ☿	16
Fr.	29		Maximilian.	4 36	7 19	2 53		3 23	11 02	☿ in ☿	17
Sa.	30		Ferdinand.	4 35	7 20	2 45		3 53	11 52	☿ in Perihel.	18
22) Trinity Sunday. John iii: 1. Day's length, 14h. 45m.											
Su.	31		Manilius.	4 35	7 20	2 37		4 30	morn	☿ in ☿	19

MAY.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
and herb for the service of man: that he may
bring forth food out of the earth. Ps. civ. 14.



the larger portion of Ohio; the *Northwestern Synod* the Western States; the *Pittsburg Synod*, Western Pennsylvania, and the *Potomac Synod*, Southern Pennsylvania, Maryland and the South. These Synods were organized as follows:

- The General Synod, at Pittsburg, November 19th, 1863.
- The Eastern Synod, at Philadelphia, September 29th, 1747.
- The Ohio Synod, at New Philadelphia, June 14th, 1824.
- The Northwest Synod, at Fort Wayne May 29th, 1867.
- The Pittsburg Synod, at Pittsburg, February 12th, 1870.
- The Potomac Synod, at Frederick, Md., April 18th, 1873.

There are twenty-six *Classes* in these Synods, meeting annually, and composed of all the ministers within a certain district, and an equal number of elders.

THE WESTERN SYNODS.

In our Almanac for 1873 we give a full and carefully prepared account of the various institutions of the Western Synods, and for full information we must refer our readers to the same. We will here give only a very condensed account of the same:

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT TIFFIN.

A Seminary to prepare ministers for the Church; chartered in 1831; permanently established in 1851; has educated 140 ministers. It now has the entire services of two professors, namely, Dr. J. H. Good and Dr. Herman Rust. Any donations to the same can be forwarded to the Treasurer, Rev. Dr. David Winters, Dayton, Ohio. Any friends who may feel it a duty and privilege to remember this institution in their last will and testament can use the following form:

"I give and bequeath to Rev. David Winters, D. D., Dayton, Ohio, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio, or to his successor in office for the time being, the sum of \$—, for the use of said Theological Seminary."

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

A flourishing college at Tiffin, Ohio, named after a celebrated University in Germany; opened in 1850; chartered in 1851; has educated more than 3,000 students; has made great progress of late years in buildings, endowments, instruments and in students. It has a Faculty of six professors. Donations may be sent to the general agent, *Henry Leonard*, Basil, Ohio. Information concerning the college and catalogues can be obtained by addressing the President, *Dr. G. W. Willard*, Tiffin, Ohio. A large three-story *Boarding Hall*

has just been completed, by which the price of boarding will be materially lessened and excellent accommodations for young ladies be afforded. The Treasurer of the college is N. L. Brewer, Esq., of Tiffin, Ohio.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

A Board appointed by Synod to support and oversee young men who have devoted themselves to the ministry. Since 1851 it has supported 110 young men who are now faithfully laboring as ministers in the Reformed Church. The Church stands greatly in need of more ministers. Young men of talents and piety should be sought out and encouraged to become laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. Annual collections for this Board should be held in every congregation, and pious men should not forget it in their wills. Liberal contributions are solicited and should be forwarded to the Treasurer, Rev. Prof. R. Good, Tiffin, Ohio.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

Appointed annually by the Synod; its object is to raise up and assist new congregations and charges in promising fields. It has now fourteen missionaries under its care, of whom one is in Denver, Colorado, another in Hiawatha, Kansas. Contributions (and liberal ones) are solicited and should be sent to the Treasurer, Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Tiffin, Ohio.

THE CHRISTIAN WORLD.

A weekly religious and family paper, a large quarto, beautifully printed, and having the largest circulation of all the weekly papers in the Reformed Church. Its circulation is over 5,000. It was commenced in 1849 as *The Western Missionary*. Published in Cincinnati, Ohio; editor-in-chief, Rev. S. Mease; assistant editor, Rev. A. S. Zerbe. There can be no doubt that its establishment has been of immense benefit to the Reformed Church, and especially in the development of the Church in the West. Published at Cincinnati, Ohio, 178 Elm street, at \$2 per annum.

SHELBY COLLEGE.

A new collegiate institution at Shelbyville, Illinois, founded by three ministers of the Reformed Church. For information and catalogues address the President, Rev. S. P. Meyers, A. M., Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Illinois.

MISSION HOUSE NEAR SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN.

A very important institution of the North West Synod, which has sent out a large number of German ministers. It has three professors with assistant teachers; twenty to thirty students who board in common and are supported by the Church and the income of a farm. Applications for admission, information, etc., and contributions may be sent to its President, Rev. H. A. Muhlmeier, or Rev. J. F. Kluge, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

6th Mo.

June, 1874.

30 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter.....	7d.	7h.	40m.	Morn.
New Moon.....	14d.	1h.	14m.	Morn.
First Quarter.....	21d.	2h.	22m.	Eve.
Full Moon.....	29d.	1h.	10m.	Eve.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-3, Clear and cool; 4-6, sultry, with showers; 7-10, hot days, but pleasant nights; 11-13, showers; 14-17, hot and sultry; 18-23, continues warm, and very dry; 24-27, probably showers, but still hot; 28-30, thunder-storms.

Week	Days	Month	Days	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON'S SIGN	MOON Ri. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
Mo.	1			Nicodemus.	4 35	7 21	SUB		9 29	0 45	♂ ♀ ♄ 6:1 e.	20
Tu.	2			Marcellus.	4 34	7 22	2 19		10 24	1 41	♂ in ♋	21
We.	3			Erasmus.	4 34	7 22	2 09		11 14	2 38	♀ in ♋	22
Th.	4			Darius.	4 33	7 23	1 59		11 53	3 34	♂ ♄ ☾ 9:46 e.	23
Fr.	5			Bonifacius.	4 33	7 24	1 49		morn	4 28	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	24
Sa.	6			Artenius.	4 33	7 24	1 38		0 26	5 20	♂ in ♋	25
23) 1st Sunday after Trinity.					Luke xvi: 19.					Day's length, 14h. 53m.		
Su.	7			Lucretia.	4 32	7 25	1 27		0 54	6 10	☾ ♄ in ♋	26
Mo.	8			Medardus.	4 32	7 26	1 16		1 20	6 58	☾ in ♋	27
Tu.	9			Barnimus.	4 32	7 26	1 05		1 47	7 46	♄ in ♋	28
We.	10			Flavius.	4 32	7 27	0 53		2 23	8 36	♂ ♄ ☾ 10:7 m.	29
Th.	11			Barnabas.	4 31	7 27	0 41		2 49	9 28	♂ in ♋	30
Fr.	12			Basilides.	4 31	7 28	0 28		3 26	10 24	♀ in ♋	31
Sa.	13			Tobias.	4 31	7 28	0 16		sets.	11 24	☐ ♄ ☾ 10:6 e.	1
24) 2d Sunday after Trinity.					Luke xiv: 16.					Day's length, 14h. 57m.		
Su.	14			Beliseus.	4 31	7 28	0 03		8 21	even.	☾ 14. ♂ ♂ ☾	2
Mo.	15			Vitus.	4 31	7 28	ADD		9 19	1 26	☾ ♀ ☾ 5:46 e.	3
Tu.	16			Rolandus.	4 31	7 29	0 22		10 07	2 24	♂ ♀ ☾ 6:13 m.	4
We.	17			Nicander.	4 31	7 29	0 35		10 44	3 17	♂ ☾ ☾ 7:23 m.	5
Th.	18			Arnolphus.	4 31	7 29	0 48		11 14	4 06	♂ in ♋	6
Fr.	19			Gervasius.	4 32	7 30	1 01		11 39	4 50	♄ in ♋	7
Sa.	20			Sylverius.	4 32	7 30	1 14		11 58	5 31	♂ ♄ ☾ 11:24 e.	8
25) 3d Sunday after Trinity.					Luke xv: 1.					Day's length, 14h. 58m.		
Su.	21			Raphael.	4 32	7 30	1 27		morn	6 11	☾ ent. ☾ Summer begins.	9
Mo.	22			Achitius.	4 32	7 30	1 40		0 20	5 50	☾ ♀ gr. H.L.N.	10
Tu.	23			Agrippina.	4 32	7 30	1 53		0 38	7 30	☾ 21. ♄ in ♋	11
We.	24			John Baptist.	4 33	7 30	2 06		1 00	8 11	♄ in ♋	12
Th.	25			Elogius.	4 33	7 30	2 19		1 23	8 56	☾ in ♋	13
Fr.	26			Jeremiah.	4 33	7 31	2 31		1 49	9 44	♂ in ♋	14
Sa.	27			7 Sleepers.	4 34	7 31	2 44		2 25	10 36	♂ gr. Elong. E.	15
26) 4th Sunday after Trinity.					Luke vi: 36.					Day's length, 14h. 57m.		
Su.	28			Leo.	4 34	7 31	2 56		3 06	11 32	♂ ☾ ♀ 1:10 e.	16
Mo.	29			St. Peter.	4 34	7 31	3 08		rises.	morn	☾ in ☾ 8:15m.	17
Tu.	30			Lucina.	4 35	7 31	3 20		9 11	0 29	☾ 29. ♀ in ♋	18

JUNE.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. vi. 7.



THE GERMAN BOOK CONCERN AT CLEVELAND, OHIO.

An institution of the North West Synod; its object to publish and sell German books, pamphlets, tracts and newspapers; annual sales about \$12,000. All orders for books and contributions should be addressed to the agent, Mr. O. Pinhard, Cleveland, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN WORLD BOOK DEPARTMENT.

A department connected with the "Christian World" at Cincinnati, intended for the benefit and accommodation of the Western Church. All the publications of the Reformed Church are kept on hand. Orders are filled for any thing in the book or stationary trade. Special attention is paid to Sunday-school libraries. Orders are received for the following publications: "The Child's Treasury," "The Christian World," "Companion of Praise," "German Reformed Almanac," "Leaves of Light," "Heidelberg Teacher," "Three People," etc. Address Rev. S. Mease, or "Christian World," 178 Flm St., Cincinnati, O. For terms and prices see advertisement and book list elsewhere.

THE NORTH WEST BOARD OF MISSIONS.

A very flourishing Board, having twenty missions under its charge, laboring in the German field of the Western States. Contributions and bequests should be made to Rev. D. Zimmerman, Treasurer, Galia, Ohio.

CALVIN INSTITUTE.

A German school for young men and boys, serving as a preparatory school for the Wisconsin Mission House. It has an excellent property in Cleveland, and is now again in operation. Applications for catalogues, information and contributions can be made to the President, Rev. C. Pluess, Cleveland, Ohio.

BLAIRSTOWN ACADEMY.

An academy recently started in Blairstown, Iowa, intended to grow ultimately into a Mission House. Address Rev. J. Riale, Blairstown, Iowa.

TIME OF THE MEETING OF THE SYNODS.

The GENERAL SYNOD (convening tri-annually) holds its next annual sessions in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the first Wednesday after Whit-Sunday, May 19, 1875, at 8 P. M.

The OHIO SYNOD meets in general convention in Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, on Wednesday, June 10, 1874, at 7½ P. M.

The SYNOD OF THE NORTH WEST meets in Louisville, Kentucky, on the first Thursday after Whit-Sunday, 1874, at 7½ P. M.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

What does this semi-centennial mean? It means that it is just fifty years since the Ohio Synod was first organized, and that the Reformed Church within the bounds of the Ohio Synod has grown so rapidly in this half century that the Synod is of opinion the event should be thankfully remembered and commemorated

in all our congregations. In all ages of the world pious and godly men have thankfully remembered the past mercies of the Lord. Truly, the Lord of hosts has been with us. Let us look back a moment at the progress we have made in this time. The Ohio Synod was organized on the 14th of June, 1824, at New Philadelphia, Ohio, and then embraced all of the United States west of the Allegheny Mountains. This district now embraces three of the five Synods. The following tables will show the wonderful increase in that time:

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.
Ohio Synod.	11	80	2,500

NOW.

Ohio Synod.	132	294	20,705
N. West Synod.	120	213	13,332
Pittsburg Synod.	95	246	26,351

Total in 1873 . . . 347 753 60,388

All of the eleven ministers that then formed the Ohio Synod have gone to their heavenly reward. It is, however, a remarkable fact that of the three candidates ordained at that meeting, two are still among us, namely, Rev. D. Winters, D.D., and Rev. John Pence. Rev. Jacob Descombes has deceased.

Besides the increase in ministers and members above noted, another fact must be borne in mind, namely, the good list of theological and classical schools and other institutions established in the West, of which a brief account will be found in this Almanac. *Soli Deo gloria.*

THE REFORMED FAMILY.

The Protestant Churches, as a whole, form two groups of families of Churches, namely, the *Lutheran Family* and the *Reformed Family*.

The *Reformed Family* embraces a large number of leading denominations. Originally, the following were the different branches of this great family, but in the progress of time their number has greatly increased:

1. The *German Reformed Church* of Switzerland and Germany.
2. The *Dutch Reformed Church* of Holland and the Netherlands.
3. The *French Reformed Church* of France and French Switzerland.
4. The *Reformed Church of England* (Episcopal).
5. The *Presbyterian Church* of Scotland, Ireland and England.

Of these the *German* and *French* were the oldest. All the Presbyterian Churches of Europe and America are only branches of the Reformed tree, starting later than the others in point of time, and owing their form of doctrine, government and ritual mainly to the influence of the Swiss Reformed Church and John Calvin, its great leader and theologian. It is a mis-

7th Mo.

July, 1874.

31 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter.....	6d.	0h.	23m.	Eve.
New Moon.....	13d.	10h.	50m.	Morn.
First Quarter.....	21d.	7h.	53m.	Morn.
Full Moon.....	28d.	11h.	4m.	Eve.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-3, Pleasant; 4-11, hot and dry, with probably light local showers; 12-14, nights cooler, but days still sultry; 15-18, heavy rains; 19-22, pleasant; 23-25, cool nights; 26-28, cloudy and warm; 29-31, hot and dry.

Week	DAYS	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON SIGNS	MOON RI. & SE. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
We.	1	Theobald.	4 34	7 31	ADD		9 55	1 27	♂ ♀ ☾ 4:3 e.	19
Th.	2	Vis. V. Mary.	4 35	7 31	3 43		10 24	2 23	♂ in ☾	20
Fr.	3	Cornelius.	4 36	7 31	3 54		10 56	3 17	☉ in Apogee.	21
Sa.	4	Independence.	4 37	7 31	4 04		11 24	4 07	♂ in ☾	22
27) 5th Sunday after Trinity.			Luke v: 1.			Day's length, 14h. 52m.				
Su.	5	Demetrius.	4 38	7 30	4 15		11 50	4 56	♂ ☉ 8:48 m.	23
Mo.	6	John Huss	4 38	7 30	4 25		morn	5 43	♂ in ☾	24
Tu.	7	Edelburga	4 39	7 30	4 35		0 18	6 32	♂ ☿ ☾ 5:25 e.	25
We.	8	Aquila.	4 40	7 29	4 44		0 49	7 22	♂ in ☾	26
Th.	9	Zeno.	4 40	7 29	4 53		1 24	8 15	♂ in Aphel. 0:35 e.	27
Fr.	10	John Calvin.	4 41	7 29	5 02		2 04	9 12	♂ in ☾	28
Sa.	11	Pius.	4 42	7 28	5 10		2 52	10 12	♂ stat. 7:12 m.	29
28) 6th Sunday after Trinity.			Matt. v: 20.			Day's length, 14h. 46m.				
Su.	12	Henry.	4 42	7 28	5 18		sets. 11 12	11 12	♂ in ☾	30
Mo.	13	Margaret.	4 43	7 27	5 26		7 57	even.	♂ ☉ 5:46 m.	1
Tu.	14	Bonavent.	4 44	7 27	5 33		8 40	1 06	♂ ☿ ☾ 3:38 e.	2
We.	15	Apostles' Day.	4 44	7 26	5 39		9 13	1 57	♂ ☿ ☾ 14:7:1 e.	3
Th.	16	Hilary.	4 45	7 25	5 45		9 39	2 43	♂ ☿ ☾ 8:34 m.	4
Fr.	17	Alexius.	4 46	7 25	5 50		10 01	3 26	♂ in ☾	5
Sa.	18	Maternus.	4 46	7 24	5 55		10 22	4 07	♂ ☿ ☾ 2:40 e.	6
29) 7th Sunday after Trinity.			Mark viii: 1.			Day's length, 14h. 36m.				
Su.	19	Ruffina.	4 47	7 23	5 59		10 42	4 46	♂ in ☾	7
Mo.	20	Elijah.	4 48	7 23	6 03		11 02	5 25	♂ in ☾	8
Tu.	21	Praxedes.	4 49	7 22	6 06		11 26	6 06	♂ in ☾	9
We.	22	M. Magdalen.	4 50	7 21	6 09		11 52	6 49	♂ in ☾	10
Th.	23	Apolinaris.	4 51	7 21	6 11		morn	7 35	♂ ☿ ☾ 4:47 e.	11
Fr.	24	Christiana.	4 51	7 20	6 12		0 23	8 25	♂ in ☾	12
Sa.	25	St. James.	4 52	7 19	6 13		1 00	9 19	♂ ☿ ☾ inf. 7:30 e.	13
30) 8th Sunday after Trinity.			Matt. vii: 15.			Day's length, 14h. 26m.				
Su.	26	St. Anne.	4 53	7 19	6 13		1 47	10 16	♂ in ☾	14
Mo.	27	Martha.	4 54	7 18	6 13		2 44	11 15	♂ in ☾	15
Tu.	28	Pantaleon.	4 55	7 17	6 12		rises. morn	morn	♂ in ☾	16
We.	29	Beatrix.	4 56	7 16	6 10		8 27	0 13	♂ ☿ ☾ 7:0 m.	17
Th.	30	Upton.	4 57	7 15	6 08		8 58	1 09	♂ ☿ ☿ 29:2:25 e.	18
Fr.	31	Germanus.	4 58	7 14	6 05		9 26	2 01	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	19

JULY.

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Luke x. 2.



nomer, therefore, to designate the Reformed, as is sometimes unthinkingly done, as German Presbyterians. True, our form of church government is presbyterial, and we are by descent German; but our presbyterial polity was not derived from the Presbyterians. The presbyterial polity is older than the Presbyterian Church.

FREDERICK III. THE PIOUS.

In the history of the Reformed Church Frederick III. of the Palatinate, surnamed in history *the Pious*, has a most honorable position as the *Father of the Heidelberg Catechism*. He was the son of the Roman Catholic Palsgrave John II., early converted to the Protestant faith; and on the death of his relative, Otto Henry, he became Elector of the Palatinate, and carried through the Reformation in that beautiful land. He was most decidedly opposed to the corruptions of the Papal Church, as well as to High-Church Lutheranism, as is plain from his Catechism, and he was sharply attacked by both, not only in numerous writings which were replied to by Ursinus, Calvin and others, but the leading princes of the German Empire used their political influence with the Emperor to crush him and his Reformed Church. Matters looked so gloomy that all his friends dissuaded him from attending the approaching Diet at Augsburg in 1560. But he resolved to go, and God was with him. On the day when the matter was to be decided in the Diet, he entered, followed by his son John Casimir, carrying the Holy Bible, not a very common book in those days. He first defended himself in a political respect, and then, in regard to the religious questions, he said, modestly but firmly: "That in matters of faith and conscience he could recognize only one Master, Lord of lords and King of kings. Here it concerned the matter of the Lord's salvation, and here it was God only and not the Emperor who could properly command or be obeyed. With the Augsburg Confession he agreed in good faith, and his *Catechism* was so well fortified with proofs from the Holy Scriptures that it could not be overthrown. But if any one, old or young, learned or unlearned, friend or enemy, yea, even the most humble kitchen or stable boy, could show him anything better from God's saving word, he would be thankful for the same, and the Bible was near at hand for that purpose. As for the rest he trusted to the justice of the Emperor. But should this expectation be disappointed he would still comfort himself with what his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ promised to him and all believers, that what he might lose for his name in this life should be restored to him a hundred-fold in the life to come."

This address made a powerful impression. The Margrave of Baden said to the other princes, "Why do you trouble this man? He has more piety than the whole of us."

From this time forth Frederick had peace. He died

October 26, 1576. On his tombstone they engraved his favorite motto: "Lord, be it according to thy will."

The following beautiful tribute of praise to his memory is by *Van Alpen*, the historian of the Heidelberg Catechism:

"With right is his name for us of undying memory, with right he shines in the temple of immortality, with right the most distant posterity weaves a garland round his urn, and when this also may wither, still shall not his merits fade. Even when we think away the prince, away all dignities and titles of honor, away purple, scepter and kingdom, he stands before us still incomparably great. For educational and charitable foundations he did more than all his predecessors. He devoted to them the entire proceeds of all the suppressed convents. He renounced the customary pomp of courts, loved simplicity of manners in order that he might spend from his own proper revenue, in the service of learning and piety, \$20,000 a year."

PUBLICATIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Reformed Church has developed a wonderful wealth of periodical literature. We believe there is no denomination which in proportion to its strength publishes so many newspapers and periodicals.

ENGLISH.

The Christian World, Cincinnati, Ohio, weekly, at \$2 per annum. Rev. S. Mease, editor-in-chief.

Heidelberg Teacher, Cincinnati, Ohio, monthly, at \$1 per annum. Revs. I. H. Reiter and D. Van Horne, editors.

Leaves of Light, Cincinnati, Ohio, semi-monthly, at 75 cents.

Reformed Church Messenger, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, weekly, at \$2 50. Dr. S. R. Fisher, editor.

Guardian, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, monthly, at \$1. Dr. B. Bausman, editor.

Our Church Paper, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, semi-monthly, at \$1. Dr. G. B. Russell, editor.

Reformed Church Herald, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, monthly, at 50 cents. Revs. Loos and Brendle, editors.

Mercersburg Review, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, quarterly, at \$3. Dr. T. G. Apple, editor.

Child's Treasury, Philadelphia, Pa., monthly and semi-monthly, at 40 and 75 cts. Rev. C. Whitmer, editor.

Reformed Missionary, Vinton, Iowa, monthly, at 50 cents. Rev. Cyrus Cort, editor.

Reformed Church Monthly, Freeland, Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania, monthly, at \$2. Drs. J. H. A. Bomberger, J. H. Good and J. H. Klein, editors.

GERMAN.

Der Evangelist, Cleveland, Ohio, weekly, at \$1 50. Rev. P. Greding, editor.

Reformirte Kirchenzeitung, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, weekly, at \$1 50.

8th Mo.

August, 1874.

31 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter.....	4d.	5h.	9m.	Eve.
New Moon.....	11d.	10h.	21m.	Eve.
First Quarter.....	20d.	1h.	14m.	Morn.
Full Moon.....	27d.	7h.	50m.	Morn.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-7, Hot and sultry; 8-11, occasional showers; 12-15, cool nights, but hot days; 16-18, strong westerly winds; 19-22, heavy rains; 23-28, clear and pleasant; 29-31, cloudy, but still pleasant.

Week	Days	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON'S SIGNS	MOON RI. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
Sa.	1	Lammas Day.	4 57	7 13	ADD		9 54	2 52	♂ ♀ ☉ 3,6:9 m.	20
31) 9th Sunday after Trinity.			Luke xvi: 1.			Day's length, 14h. 14m.				
Su.	2	Stephen.	4 58	7 12	5 58		10 27	3 41	♂ ♀ ☉ 3,8:25 m.	21
Mo.	3	Augustus.	4 59	7 11	5 53		10 51	4 29	♂ ♀ ☉ 3,11:18 e.	22
Tu.	4	Dominick.	5 00	7 10	5 48		11 23	5 19	♂ ♀ ☉ 4. ♀ stat.	23
We.	5	Oswald.	5 01	7 08	5 42		morn	6 11	♂ ♀ ☉ 4. ♀ stat. 4.	24
Th.	6	Ann. of Christ	5 02	7 07	5 36		0 01	7 06	♂ in ☉	25
Fr.	7	Godfrey.	5 03	7 06	5 29		0 48	8 04	♂ in ☉	26
Sa.	8	Emily.	5 04	7 05	5 22		1 41	9 03	♂ ♀ ☉ 10,7:33 m.	27
32) 10th Sunday after Trinity.			Luke xix: 41.			Day's length, 13h. 58m.				
Su.	9	Ericus.	5 05	7 03	5 14		2 39	10 02	♂ in ☉	28
Mo.	10	St. Lawrence.	5 06	7 02	5 05		3 41	10 57	♂ ♀ ☉ 10:5 e.	29
Tu.	11	Titus.	5 07	7 01	4 56		sets. even.		♂ ♀ ☉ 11. ♂ ♀ ☉	30
We.	12	Clara.	5 08	7 00	4 46		7 39	0 37	♂ ♀ ☉ 6:56 e.	31
Th.	13	Hildebert.	5 09	6 58	4 36		8 04	1 21	♂ gr. Elong. W.	1
Fr.	14	Eusebia.	5 10	6 57	4 25		8 25	2 03	♂ ♀ ☉ 15,8:23 m.	2
Sa.	15	Asc. V. Mary.	5 11	6 56	4 14		8 45	2 42	♂ ♀ ☉ 1:50 e.	3
33) 11th Sunday after Trinity.			Luke xviii: 9.			Day's length, 13h. 42m.				
Su.	16	Rochus.	5 12	6 54	4 02		9 06	3 22	♂ in ☉ 10:31 e.	4
Mo.	17	Bertram.	5 13	6 53	3 49		9 27	4 02	♂ in ☉ 10:18 e.	5
Tu.	18	Agapetus.	5 14	6 52	3 36		9 51	4 43	♂ ♀ ☉ 3:17 m.	6
We.	19	Sebaldus.	5 15	6 51	3 23		10 18	5 27	♂ ♀ ☉ 20. ♀ in ☉	7
Th.	20	Bernard.	5 16	6 49	3 09		10 54	6 15	♂ ♀ ☉ 21,2:47 m.	8
Fr.	21	Rebecca.	5 17	6 48	2 54		11 37	7 06	♂ in ☉	9
Sa.	22	Philibert.	5 18	6 47	2 39		morn	8 02	♂ in Perihelion.	10
34) 12th Sunday after Trinity.			Mark vii: 31.			Day's length, 13h. 26m.				
Su.	23	Zaccheus.	5 19	6 45	2 24		0 28	8 59	♂ ♀ ☉ 22,4:50 e.	11
Mo.	24	St. Bartholo.	5 20	6 44	2 08		1 29	9 57	♂ in ☉	12
Tu.	25	Ludovicus.	5 21	6 42	1 52		2 38	10 54	♂ ♀ ☉ 1:22 e.	13
We.	26	Samuel.	5 22	6 41	1 35		3 53	11 49	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	14
Th.	27	Gebhard.	5 23	6 39	1 18		rises. morn		♂ ♀ ☉ 27. ♀ in ☉	15
Fr.	28	St. Augustine.	5 24	6 38	1 01		7 53	0 42	♂ in ☉	16
Sa.	29	St. John.	5 24	6 36	0 43		8 24	1 33	♂ in ☉	17
35) 13th Sunday after Trinity.			Luke x: 23.			Day's length, 13h. 10m.				
Su.	30	Benjamin.	5 25	6 35	0 25		8 53	2 23	♂ in ☉	18
Mo.	31	Paulina.	5 26	6 33	0 06		9 21	3 14	♂ ♀ ☉ 5:40 m.	19

AUGUST.

This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 2 Thess. iii. 10.



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LONGEVITY OF MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL.

Facts seem to bear out the proposition that, as a class, ministers of the gospel are longer lived than any other

class of men except farmers. The reason probably lies in this, that, as a class, they live more moral lives, conform more nearly to the laws of health, and have more varied exercise, especially of the lungs and vocal organs.

The fact itself has been established by an examination of the record of the ages of many thousands of ministers.

We have found that an examination of the United States Census confirms the fact. This census enumerates the different classes of the community, and embraces not merely one, but all the denominations.

From the Compendium for 1870 we learn that the leading professions and employments embraced at that date the following number of persons. From the census we also ascertain the number of these who were sixty years of age and upward. We have calculated, from the data there given, the per cent. which the latter bear to the former. It is plain that that profession which has the largest per cent. of persons over sixty years of age must stand highest in the matter of longevity. In this way we have constructed the following table, which illustrates this truth, and will be found very interesting in other respects also.

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9th Mo. **September, 1874.** 30 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon.....	2d.	11h.	16m.	Eve.
First Quarter.....	10d.	0h.	32m.	Eve.
Full Moon.....	18d.	5h.	26m.	Eve.
Last Quarter.....	25d.	4h.	28m.	Eve.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-4, Cloudy and cool; 5-8, clear and pleasant; 9-12, very warm; 13-16, cloudy and unsettled; 17-19, cool, but dry; 20-25, stormy, with heavy rains; 26-30, clears off cool, with frosty mornings.

Week	DAYS	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON'S SIGNS	MOON Ri. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
Tu.	1	Egidius.	5 27	6 31	SUB		10 01	4 06	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	20
We.	2	Eliza.	5 28	6 30	0 31		10 45	5 02	♂ ♀ in ♋	21
Th.	3	Mansuetus.	5 29	6 28	0 51		11 37	5 59	♀ in ♋	22
Fr.	4	Moses.	5 30	6 27	1 10		morn	6 58	♂ in ♋	23
Sa.	5	Nathaniel.	5 31	6 25	1 30		0 33	7 56	♂ in ♋	24

36) 14th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke xvii: 11.

Day's length, 12h. 51m.

Su.	6	Magnus.	5 32	6 23	1 50		1 33	8 53	♂ ♀ sup. 7,2:50 e.	25
Mo.	7	Regina.	5 33	6 22	2 10		2 35	9 45	♂ ♀ ☾ 3:1 e.	26
Tu.	8	Nat. V. Mary.	5 34	6 20	2 30		3 28	10 33	♂ ☾ ☾ 2:41 e.	27
We.	9	Bruno.	5 35	6 19	2 51		sets.	11 18	♂ ☾ ☾ 10. ♄ in ♋	28
Th.	10	Pulcherio.	5 36	6 17	3 11		6 29	even.	♂ ☾ ☾ 5:30 e.	29
Fr.	11	Protus.	5 37	6 16	3 32		6 49	0 40	♂ ☾ in ♋	30
Sa.	12	Wickliffe.	5 38	6 14	3 53		7 09	1 20	♂ ☾ ☾ 3:5 m.	31

37) 15th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt. vi: 24.

Day's length, 12h. 34m.

Su.	13	Amatus.	5 38	6 12	4 14		7 31	1 59	♂ in ♋	1
Mo.	14	El. Holy Cross	5 39	6 11	4 35		7 52	2 40	♂ ♀ ☾ 5:11 e.	2
Tu.	15	Nicodemus.	5 40	6 09	4 56		8 15	3 22	♂ in ♋	3
We.	16	Euphemia.	5 41	6 08	5 17		8 50	4 08	♀ in ♋	4
Th.	17	Lampertus.	5 42	6 06	5 38		9 29	4 57	♂ in ♋	5
Fr.	18	Siegfried.	5 43	6 05	5 59		10 16	5 50	♂ ☾ 18. ♄ in ♋	6
Sa.	19	Micleta.	5 44	6 03	6 20		11 11	6 45	♂ in ♋	7

38) 16th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke vii: 11.

Day's length, 12h. 17m.

Su.	20	Eustachius.	5 44	6 01	6 41		morn	7 42	♂ in Aphelion.	8
Mo.	21	St. Matthew.	5 45	5 59	7 02		0 16	8 38	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	9
Tu.	22	Maurice.	5 46	5 57	7 23		1 27	9 33	♂ ☾ ♄ 21,10:2 m.	10
We.	23	Hosea.	5 46	5 55	7 44		2 42	10 27	♂ ☾ ☾ 21,9:6 e.	11
Th.	24	Gerhard.	5 47	5 54	8 05		3 58	11 18	☾ ent. ♄ Autumn begins.	12
Fr.	25	Cleophas.	5 48	5 52	8 25		5 14	morn	♂ ☾ 25. ♄ in ♋	13
Sa.	26	Justina.	5 49	5 51	8 46		rises.	0 10	♂ ☾ in ♋	14

39) 17th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke xiv: 1.

Day's length, 12h.

Su.	27	Cosmus.	5 50	5 50	9 06		7 22	1 02	♂ ☾ ☾ 1:51 e.	15
Mo.	28	Wenceslaus.	5 51	5 48	9 26		7 57	1 55	♂ in ♋	16
Tu.	29	St. Michael.	5 52	5 47	9 46		8 41	2 51	♀ gr. Elong. E.	17
We.	30	Jerome.	5 53	5 45	10 05		9 30	3 50	♂ in ♋	18

SEPTEMBER.

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea x. 12.



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10th Mo.

October, 1874.

31 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter.....	1d.	8h.	0m.	Morn.
New Moon.....	9d.	5h.	23m.	Morn.
First Quarter.....	17d.	7h.	51m.	Morn.
Full Moon.....	24d.	1h.	43m.	Morn.
Last Quarter.....	31d.	8h.	21m.	Eve.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-4, Mild, with easterly winds, and clouds; 5-8, cloudy and unsettled; 9-11, rain, chilly and unpleasant; 12-14, clear and mild; 15-19, heavy showers, then cold; 20-24, moderating, with appearance of rain; 25-28, rainy and cold; 29-31, clear and pleasant.

Week	DAYS	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON'S SIGNS	MOON Ri. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
Th.	1	Remigius.	5 55	5 43	SUB		10 27	4 51	1. ♀ in	19
Fr.	2	Columbus.	5 56	5 41	10 43		11 28	5 51	♀ in	20
Sa.	3	Jairus.	5 57	5 40	11 02		morn	6 48	♂ in	21
40) 18th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. xxii: 34. Day's length, 11h. 40m.										
Su.	4	Francis.	5 58	5 38	11 20		0 30	7 42	♂ ☾ 10:59 e.	22
Mo.	5	Placidus.	5 59	5 37	11 38		1 31	8 32	♂ ☽ ☉ 8:41 m.	23
Tu.	6	Fides.	6 00	5 35	11 56		2 32	9 17	♀ in Aphelion.	24
We.	7	Amelia.	6 01	5 33	12 13		3 32	9 59	☽ in	25
Th.	8	Pelagius.	6 03	5 32	12 29		4 30	10 40	♂ ☽ ☾ 7,8:23 m.	26
Fr.	9	Dionysius.	6 04	5 30	12 45		5 27	11 19	☾ eclips. inv.	27
Sa.	10	Gereon.	6 05	5 29	13 01		sets.	even.	☾ 9. ♂ ☽ ☾ 9.	28
41) 19th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. ix: 1. Day's length, 11h. 21m.										
Su.	11	Burkhart.	6 06	5 27	13 16		5 57	0 38	♂ stat. 12,3:30 m.	29
Mo.	12	Veritas.	6 07	5 26	13 31		6 22	1 20	♂ ☽ ☾ 5:31 m.	30
Tu.	13	Coloman.	6 08	5 24	13 45		6 51	2 05	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	1
We.	14	Fortuna.	6 09	5 23	13 59		7 26	2 53	♂ ☽ ☾ 10:35 e.	2
Th.	15	Hedwick.	6 10	5 22	14 12		8 09	3 44	♂ in	3
Fr.	16	Gallus.	6 11	5 20	14 25		9 03	4 37	☾ in	4
Sa.	17	Florentine.	6 12	5 19	14 37		10 03	5 32	☾ 17. ♀ in	5
42) 20th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. xxii: 1. Day's length, 11h. 5m.										
Su.	18	St. Luke.	6 13	5 18	14 48		11 08	6 27	♀ in	6
Mo.	19	Ptolemy.	6 14	5 16	14 59		morn	7 20	♂ ☽ ☾ 5:23 m.	7
Tu.	20	Felicianus.	6 15	5 15	15 10		0 18	8 13	♀ in	8
We.	21	Ursula.	6 16	5 13	15 19		1 22	9 04	♂ in	9
Th.	22	Cordula.	6 17	5 12	15 28		2 45	9 54	♂ ☽ ☉	10
Fr.	23	Severinus.	6 18	5 11	15 37		4 00	10 45	♀ gr. El. E.	11
Sa.	24	Salome.	6 19	5 10	15 44		5 16	11 38	☾ 24. ☾ ecl. vis.	12
43) 21st Sunday after Trinity. John iv: 46. Day's length, 10h. 47m.										
Su.	25	Crispin.	6 21	5 08	15 51		rises.	morn	♂ ☽ ☾ 24,11:42 e.	13
Mo.	26	Amandus.	6 22	5 07	15 57		6 31	0 34	☽ in Aphelion, 25.	14
Tu.	27	Sabina.	6 23	5 06	16 03		7 19	1 33	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	15
We.	28	Simon & Jude	6 24	5 04	16 07		8 16	2 35	♂ in Aphelion, 26.	16
Th.	29	Zwinglius.	6 25	5 03	16 11		9 17	3 38	☽ in	17
Fr.	30	Serapion.	6 26	5 01	16 15		10 20	4 39	☾ 31. ♀ in	18
Sa.	31	Hallow Eve.	6 27	5 00	16 17		11 23	5 36	☾ ☽ ☉ 8:20 m.	19

OCTOBER.

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Matt. vii. 17.



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We all within our graves shall sleep,
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No living soul for us shall weep,
A hundred years to come;
But other men our land will till,
And other men our streets will fill,
And other birds shall sing as gay,
And bright the sunshine as to-day,
A hundred years to come.

A MINISTER had a negro in his family. One Sunday, when he was preaching, he happened to look in the pew where the negro was, and could hardly contain himself as he saw the negro, who could not read or write a word, scribbling away most industriously. After meeting he said to the negro, “Tom, what were you doing in the church?” “Taking notes, massa; all de gemmen takes notes.” “Bring your notes here and let me see them.” Tom brought his notes, which looked more like Chinese

than English. “Why, Tom, this is all nonsense.” “I thought so, massa, all the time that you was preaching it.”

Professions	No. of persons in that profession.	No. over sixty years of age.	Per cent. of persons over sixty years of age.
Farmers.....	2,977,711	359,711	12½ per cent.
Clergymen.....	43,874	4,385	10 “
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Cabinet Makers... ..	42,835	2,095	5 “
Lawyers.....	40,731	1,788	4½ “
Blacksmiths.....	141,774	5,898	4½ “
Masons.....	89,710	3,938	4½ “
Carpenters.....	344,595	13,770	4 “
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Plasterers.....	23,577	443	2 “
Bakers.....	27,680	551	2 “
Boatmen.....	21,332	440	2 “
Painters.....	85,123	1,583	1¾ “
Brewers.....	11,246	164	1½ “

This table shows that of all farmers in the United States twelve per cent. are upward of sixty years of age; of all ministers, ten per cent. are so; but of all lawyers only four and one-half per cent., and of painters only one and three-fourth per cent., and of brewers only one and one-half per cent. reach that age. It is quite significant that brewers stand at the end of the list.

Sow sow, sow,
Always keep on sowing,
God will cause the seeds to grow,
Faster than your knowing;
Nothing e'er is sown in vain,
If, his voice obeying,
You look upward for the rain,
And falter not in praying.
Pray, pray, pray,
Always keep on praying;
In the brightest, darkest day
Still his voice obeying.
Never from the gates of prayer
Turn with doubting sorrow,
For the one who standeth there,
May answer you to-morrow.

11th Mo. November, 1874. 30 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon.....	8d.	11h.	55m.	Eve.
First Quarter.....	16d.	8h.	15m.	Eve.
Full Moon.....	23d.	11h.	56m.	Morn.
Last Quarter.....	30d.	0h.	51m.	Eve.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-3, Pleasant, with easterly winds; 4-7, cloudy, and colder; 8-10, cold rain or snow; 11-14, dark and gloomy; 15-18, clear and cold, with north-west winds; 19-21, hard frosts; 22-25, moderating; 26-30, warm, then cloudy.

Week	Days	Month	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON S. M.	MOON Ri. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
44)	22d	Sunday	after Trinity.	Matt. xviii: 21.				Day's length, 10h. 30m.			
Su.	1		<i>All Saints.</i>	6 29	4 59	SUB		morn	6 28	♂ ♀ ☾ 6:39 m.	20
Mo.	2		<i>All Souls.</i>	6 30	4 58	16 19		0 27	7 15	♀ gr. brilliancy.	21
Tu.	3		<i>Theophilus.</i>	6 31	4 57	16 19		1 27	7 59	♂ in ☿	22
We.	4		<i>Charlotte.</i>	6 32	4 56	16 18		2 25	8 39	♀ stat. 7:16 m.	23
Th.	5		<i>Malachi.</i>	6 33	4 55	16 16		3 23	9 19	♂ ☿ 3:21 m.	24
Fr.	6		<i>Leonard.</i>	6 34	4 54	16 14		4 19	9 58	♂ ♀ ☾ 4:33 e.	25
Sa.	7		<i>Engelbert.</i>	6 35	4 53	16 10		5 16	10 37	☐ ♀ ☾ 0:43 e.	26
45)	23d	Sunday	after Trinity.	Matt. xxii: 15.				Day's length, 10h. 16m.			
Su.	8		<i>Cecilia.</i>	6 36	4 52	16 06		sets.	11 19	♂ 8. ♀ in ☿	27
Mo.	9		<i>Theodore.</i>	6 37	4 51	16 01		4 57	even.	♂ in ☿	28
Tu.	10		<i>M. Luther.</i>	6 38	4 50	15 55		5 28	0 50	♂ ☿ 0:45 m.	29
We.	11		<i>Martin.</i>	6 39	4 49	15 48		6 09	1 40	♂ in ☿	30
Th.	12		<i>Jonas.</i>	6 40	4 48	15 40		6 58	2 37	♂ ☿ 2:41 m.	31
Fr.	13		<i>Winebert.</i>	6 41	4 47	15 32		7 56	3 27	♂ in ☿ 9:33 e.	1
Sa.	14		<i>Levin.</i>	6 42	4 46	15 22		8 59	4 21	♂ ☿ inf. 8:51 e.	2
46)	24th	Sunday	after Trinity.	Matt. ix: 18.				Day's length, 10h. 2m.			
Su.	15		<i>Leopold.</i>	6 44	4 46	15 12		10 06	5 14	♂ ☿ 1:49 e.	3
Mo.	16		<i>Ottomarus.</i>	6 45	4 45	15 01		11 15	6 05	♂ 16. ☿ in ☿	4
Tu.	17		<i>Alpheus.</i>	6 46	4 44	14 47		morn	6 54	♂ in ☿	5
We.	18		<i>Gelaseus.</i>	6 47	4 44	14 37		0 27	7 42	♂ in Perihelion.	6
Th.	19		<i>Elizabeth.</i>	6 48	4 43	14 23		1 37	8 31	♀ stat. 2:4 e.	7
Fr.	20		<i>Amos.</i>	6 49	4 42	14 09		2 50	9 21	♂ stat. 8:0 e.	8
Sa.	21		<i>Off. V. Mary.</i>	6 50	4 41	13 54		4 05	10 14	♂ ☿ 9:39 m.	9
47)	25th	Sunday	after Trinity.	John vi: 5.				Day's length, 9h. 50m.			
Su.	22		<i>Alphonsus.</i>	6 51	4 41	13 38		5 23	11 12	♂ in ☿	10
Mo.	23		<i>Clement.</i>	6 52	4 40	13 21		rises.	morn	♂ 23. ☿ stat.	11
Tu.	24		<i>Chrisogen.</i>	6 53	4 40	13 04		5 58	0 13	♂ in ☿	12
We.	25		<i>Catharine.</i>	6 54	4 39	12 46		7 00	1 18	♀ in ☿	13
Th.	26		<i>Conrad.</i>	6 55	4 39	12 27		8 05	2 22	♂ in ☿	14
Fr.	27		<i>Jehoshaphat</i>	6 56	4 39	12 07		9 09	3 23	♂ in ☿	15
Sa.	28		<i>Guntherus.</i>	6 57	4 38	11 47		10 14	4 19	♂ ☿ 3:0 e.	16
48)	Advent	Sunday.		Matt. xxi: 1.				Day's length, 9h. 40m.			
Su.	29		<i>Saturn.</i>	6 58	4 38	11 26		11 17	5 10	♂ gr. H.L.N.	17
Mo.	30		<i>St. Andrew.</i>	6 59	4 38	11 04		morn	5 55	♂ 30. ☿ in ☿	18

NOVEMBER.

But they know not the thoughts of the Lord,
neither understand they his counsel: for he
shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.
Micah iv. 12.



Alphabetical Register of the Ministers of the Reformed Church
IN THE
UNITED STATES—1874.

(NOTE.—In order to render this register of far more value than any list that has ever been published, we here give not only the name and post-office address, but also the year of ordination and the number of years that each one has been in the ministry. The preparation of this list has involved an immense amount of labor, but we believe all our readers will appreciate it. We have aimed to make it as accurate as possible, but doubtless a number of errors will be discovered in it. These can be corrected in future editions.

	Year Ordained.	Years in the Ministry.
Accola, O. J. Dayton, O.....	1860	14
Addams, Geo. E. Mifflinburg, Union co., Pa.....	1859	15
Albright, D. B. Womelsdorf, Berks co., Pa.....	1864	10
Albright, Geo. M. New Lisbon, Columb. co., O.....	1862	12
Alspach, J. W. Shanksville, Somerset co., Pa.....	1862	12
Appel, Dr. Theodore. Lancaster, Pa.....	1845	29
Appel, R. L. Allentown, Pa.....	1871	3
Apple, Jos. H. Saegertown, Crawford co., Pa.....	1852	22
Apple, Dr. T. G. Lancaster, Pa.....	1852	22
Arduesser, John. Charles City, Iowa.....	1869	5
Aschenfelder, O. L. Bridgeport, N. J.....	1870	4
Aughinbaugh, Dr. G. W. Meyerstown, Pa.....	1846	28
Ault, John. Littlestown, Adams co., Pa.....	1858	16
Aurand, Henry. Warren, Jo Davis co., Ill.....	1833	41
Bacher, Theo. J. Fremont, O.....	1872	2
Bachman, John. Egg Harbor, N. J.....	1873	1
Bachman, M. 127 Bank st., Baltimore, Md.....	1864	10
Bahner, F. F. Milton, Pa.....	1873	1
Bair, Henry. Waterloo, Ind.....	1862	12
Bank, Carl. New Brunswick, N. J.....	1855	19
Barkley, T. J. Pittsburg, Pa.....	1860	14
Barth, S. Indianapolis, Ind.....	1867	7
Bartholomew, A. Lehighton, Carbon co., Pa.....	1861	13
Bassler, H. S. Shimmersville, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1830	44
Baum, Christian. Fort Wayne, Ind.....	1870	4
Bauman, Elias. Abilene, Dickinson co., Kan.....	1861	13
Bauman, Fred. C. Zwingli, Dubuque co., Iowa.....	1854	20
Baumgarten, J. Detroit, Mich.....	1860	14
Bausman, Dr. Benj. Reading, Pa.....	1852	22
Beam, Sam'l Z. Fulton, Mich.....	1862	12
Beck, John. Easton, Pa.....	1850	24
Beck, John H. Hiawatha, Brown co., Kan.....	1873	1
Becker, Augustus. Waukegan, Wis.....	1869	5
Becker, Charles. Glassboro, N. J.....	1852	22
Becker, Charles. Brodheadville, Monroe co., Pa.....	1845	29
Becker, Cyrus J. Catasauqua, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1851	23
Becker, Philip. Mt. Eaton, Wayne co., O.....	1852	22
Beisser, G. Leslie, Van Wert co., O.....	1869	5
Bentz, H. Clarence, Erie co., N. Y.....	1855	19
Berentz, C. Grandview, O.....	1829	45
Berleman, F. Wm. Millville, Butler co., O.....	1870	4
Betz, C. New Bremen, O.....	1870	4
Beyer, C. E. W. Swanton, O.....	1849	25
Biefeld, Herman. Frederick City, Md.....	1861	13
Biery, John.....	1861	13
Blaetgen, John. Northelm, Manitowoc co., Wis.....	1854	20
Blatsch, Aug. Boone, Boone co., Iowa.....	1863	6
Bokum, Herman. Atlanta, Ga.....	1843	31
Bollinger, A. Waukon, Iowa.....	1868	6
Borberger, Dr. J. H. A. Freeland, Montg. co., Pa.....	1838	36
Borcher, C. New Albany, Ind.....	1870	4
Bossard, Dr. J. Sheboygan, Wis.....	1849	25
Bossler, David. York, Pa.....	1821	53
Bowers, A. J. Freeland, Montg. co., Pa.....	1870	4
Braun, J. B. Cleveland, O.....	1870	4
Brecht, J. J. Prairie Du Lac, Wis.....	1854	20
Brendle, D. F. Bethlehem, Pa.....	1850	24
Bressler, N. E. Fisherville, Pa.....	1846	28
Brown, Isaac G. Mercersburg, Pa.....	1856	18
Bruenger, H. Kohlsville, Washington co., Wis.....	1869	5
Brunner, K. Bridgeport, Conn.....	1849	25
Bucher, Dr. J. C. Lewisburg, Pa.....	1828	46
Bucher, Theo. P. New York City.....	1859	15
Burkholder, J. Pulaski, Williams co., O.....	1862	12
Busche, John F. 103 Rivington st., New York.....	1845	29
Buser, John H. Clifton, Iowa.....	1852	22
Butt, A. Murray, Wells co., Ind.....	1860	14
Callender, Dr. S. N. Harrisonburg, Va.....	1846	28
Casper, A. B. New Berlin, Union co., Pa.....	1837	37
Cast, C. Cumberland, Md.....	1845	29
Cecil, J. W. Thomasville, Davidson co., N. C.....	18 5	9
Clapp, J. C. Newton, N. C.....	1868	6
Clauser, W. W. West Milton, Pa.....	1870	4
Clemens, John M. Conyngham, Pa.....	1867	7
Clever, C. Columbia, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1873	1
Cludius, Theodore. Rochester, N. Y.....	1867	7
Colliflower, Wm. F. Hagerstown, Md.....	1837	37
Comfort, H. I. Chambersburg, Pa.....	1853	16
Cort, Cyrus. Vinton, Iowa.....	1863	11
Cort, Lucien. Martinsburg, Blair co., Pa.....	1857	17
Crawford, James. Newport, Perry co., Pa.....	1871	3
Cremer, W. C. Westminster, Carroll co., Md.....	1863	11
Crist, L. Clear Water, Minn.....	1863	6
Dahlman, Jacob, sr. Collegeville, Montg. co., Pa.....	1852	22
Dahlman, Jacob, jr. 413 N. 38th st., Phila., Pa.....	1862	12
Dale, A. Baldwin, Pa.....	1857	17
Daniel, H. McKee's Half Falls, Pa.....	1845	29
Davis, Dr. Peter S. Chambersburg, Pa.....	1850	24
Davis, W. F. P. Reading, Pa.....	1863	11
Deatrich, W. R. H. Mechanicsburg, Pa.....	1860	14
Deatrick, Wm. M. Charlesville, Bedford co., Pa.....	1852	22
Dechant, A. L. Pennsburg, Montg. co., Pa.....	1850	23
Dechant, Fred. W. Reading, Pa.....	1847	27
Dechant, Geo. B. Catawissa, Columbia co., Pa.....	1860	14
Denius, S. K. Camden, Preble co., O.....	1821	53
Denny, J. C. Gold Hill, Rowan co., N. C.....	1863	6
Derr, Joshua H. Bellevue, Huron co., O.....	1849	25
Derr, L. K. Slatington, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1859	15
Derr, Tilgman. Tarbottsville, Pa.....	1870	4
DeZeer, J. C. Grand Haven, Mich.....	1872	2
Dieckman, Fred. Omaha, Neb.....	1868	6
Dieckman, J. F. H. Galion, O.....	1859	15
Dieckman, Wm. New Bremen, Auglaize co., O.....	1872	2
Diefenbacher, C. R. Greenville, Mercer co., Pa.....	1867	7

12th Mo.

December, 1874.

31 Days.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon.....	8d.	6h.	28m.	Eve.
First Quarter.....	16d.	6h.	46m.	Morn.
Full Moon.....	22d.	11h.	18m.	Eve.
Last Quarter.....	30d.	8h.	58m.	Morn.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1-5, Cold, chilly winds, followed by snow or sleet; 6-9, clear, sharp Winter weather; 10-12, mild and cloudy; 13-15, rain or snow; 16-19, pleasant; 20-24, cloudy, and colder; 25-27, very cold; 28-31, clear and mild.

Week	DAYS	REMARKABLE DAYS.	SUN RISES H. M.	SUN SETS H. M.	EQUAT. TIME. M. S.	MOON'S SIGNS	MOON Rt. & Se. H. M.	MOON South. H. M.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS.	OLD STYLE
Tu.	1	Longinus.	7 00	4 37	SUB		0 16	6 37	♄ in ♈	19
We.	2	Candidus.	7 01	4 37	10 18		1 14	7 17	♄ gr. Elong. W.	20
Th.	3	F. Xavier.	7 02	4 37	9 54		2 11	7 56	♄ ♄ ☾ 11:20 e.	21
Fr.	4	Barbara.	7 03	4 37	9 30		3 07	8 36	♄ ♄ ☾ 10:31 e.	22
Sa.	5	Abigail.	7 04	4 37	9 05		4 07	9 16	♄ in ♈	23
49) 2d Sunday in Advent. Luke. xxi: 25. Day's length, 9h. 32m.										
Su.	6	Nicholas.	7 05	4 37	8 39		5 08	9 59	♄ ♄ ☾ 7:253 m.	24
Mo.	7	Agathon.	7 06	4 37	8 13		6 11	10 46	♄ ♄ in ♈ 8.	25
Tu.	8	C. V. Mary.	7 07	4 37	7 47		sets. 11 35		8. ♄ ♄ ☾ 8:21 e.	26
We.	9	Joachim.	7 07	4 37	7 20		4 55	even.	♄ ♄ ☾ inf. & Tr. 8, 11:12 e.	27
Th.	10	Judith.	7 08	4 37	6 53		5 50	1 22	♄ in ♈	28
Fr.	11	Barsabas.	7 09	4 37	6 25		6 51	2 17	♄ in ♈	29
Sa.	12	Ottilia.	7 09	4 37	5 57		7 57	3 10	♄ ♄ ☾ 11:2 e.	30
50) 3d Sunday in Advent. Matt. xi: 2. Day's length, 9h. 27m.										
Su.	13	Lucian.	7 10	4 37	5 28		9 07	4 02	♄ in ♈	1
Mo.	14	Nicasius.	7 11	4 38	4 59		10 16	4 51	♄ in ♈	2
Tu.	15	Oct. Im. Con.	7 12	4 38	4 30		11 26	5 38	♄ ♄ ♄ 9:43 e.	3
We.	16	Ananias.	7 13	4 38	4 01		morn 6 25		16. ♄ in ♈	4
Th.	17	Isaac.	7 14	4 38	3 32		0 34	7 12	♄ in ♈	5
Fr.	18	Arnoldus.	7 15	4 38	3 02		1 45	8 02	♄ ♄ ☾ 5:50 e.	6
Sa.	19	Abraham.	7 15	4 38	2 32		2 58	8 55	♄ ♄ ♄ 18, 7:43 e.	7
51) 4th Sunday in Advent. John i: 19. Day's length, 9h. 23m.										
Su.	20	Ammon.	7 16	4 39	2 02		4 15	9 53	♄ in ♈	8
Mo.	21	Thomas.	7 16	4 39	1 33		5 34	10 55	☾ ent. ♄ Winter begins.	9
Tu.	22	Beata.	7 17	4 40	1 03		6 49	11 59	♄ in ♈ 6:46 m.	10
We.	23	Dagobert.	7 17	4 40	0 33		rises. morn		22. ♄ in ♈	11
Th.	24	Adam & Eve	7 18	4 41	0 03		6 48	1 03	♄ in ♈	12
Fr.	25	Christmas.	7 18	4 42	ADD		7 57	2 03	♄ ♄ ☾ 11:55 e.	13
Sa.	26	Stephen.	7 18	4 43	0 56		9 02	2 58	♄ in ♈	14
52) 1st Sunday after Christmas. Matt. i: 18. Day's length, 9h. 25m.										
Su.	27	St. John, Ev.	7 19	4 44	1 26		10 03	3 47	♄ in ♈	15
Mo.	28	Holy Innoc.	7 19	4 44	1 55		11 04	4 32	♄ stat. 10:52 e.	16
Tu.	29	Noah.	7 19	4 45	2 25		morn 5 13	☾ in Perigee, 31.	17	
We.	30	David.	7 20	4 46	2 54		0 01	5 53	30. ♄ ♄ ☾ Jan. 1.	18
Th.	31	Sylvester.	7 20	4 47	3 23		0 59	6 33	♄ in Aphel., Jan. 1.	19

REFORMED CHURCH ALMANAC.

DECEMBER.

Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee forever: for thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed forever. 1 Chron. xvii. 27.



Dieffenbacher, D. S. Kittanning, Pa.....	1873	1	Grether, J. M. Hartville, Stark co., O.....	1863	11
Dieffenbacher, E. H. London, Mercer co., Pa.....	1867	7	Gring, D. Shrewsbury, York co., Pa.....	1835	39
Diether, Fred. Bucyrus, O.....	1872	2	Gring, John. Fredericksburg, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1825	49
Dippel, P. H. Huntington, Ind.....	1872	2	Gring, W. A. Keedysville, Washington co., Md.....	1864	10
Dole, A. G. Huntington, Pa.....	1843	31	Grob, Jean. Lena, Ill.....	1865	9
Donat, W. Steinsville, Pa.....	1873	1	Groh, W. H. Boalsburg, Pa.....	1856	18
Dubbs, A. J. G. Allentown, Pa.....	1851	23	Gross, S. K. Sellersville, Pa.....	1855	19
Dubbs, J. H. 1727 Mt. Vernon st., Phila., Pa.....	1859	15	Grosshuesch, T. Lanesville, Md.....	1857	17
Dubs, Dr. J. S. Allentown, Pa.....	1836	33			
Duenger, Rud. Fountain Spring, Pa.....	1834	40			
			Haas, W. A. Selinsgrove, Pa.....	1867	7
Ebaugh, J. S. New York City.....	1819	55	Hacke, Dr. N. P. Greensburg, Westm. co., Pa.....	1819	55
Ebbinghaus, J. W. Alleghany City, Pa.....	1865	9	Hackman, W. G. Burr Oak, St. Jos. co., Mich.....	1846	28
Eckert, J. V. Columbia, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1851	20	Hale, Wm. A. Lancaster, O.....	1863	6
Edmonds, F. A. Harmony, Butler co., Pa.....	1859	15	Hanbhart, H. Covington, Ky.....	1838	36
Edmonds, L. C. Beaver Springs, Snyder co., Pa.....	1856	18	Hannaberry, J. New Providence, Pa.....	1854	20
Eichen, J. Linton, Greene co., Ind.....	1859	15	Hartmetz, F. P. Denver City, Col.....	1873	1
Ellicker, Sol. Newton, Jasper co., Iowa.....	1868	6	Hartzell, J. M. North Wales, Montg. co., Pa.....	1872	2
Engle, W. G. Pillow, Pa.....	1862	12	Hassler, Jacob. Mercersburg, Pa.....	1850	24
Erb, Edmund. Dansville, N. Y.....	1862	12	Hauser, J. C. Baltimore, Md.....	1864	10
Ernst, D. B. Saegertown, Pa.....	1844	30	Hausen, Wm. Chicago, Ill.....	1873	1
Eshbach, E. R. Baltimore, Md.....	1861	13	Hawker, Adam. Dayton, O.....	1872	2
Etter, T. J. New Glarus, Greene co., Wis.....	1855	19	Heckerman, Henry. Bedford, Pa.....	1845	29
Evans, L. K. Pottstown, Pa.....	1869	5	Heckman, J. Sheboygan, Wis.....		
			Hedrick, M. L. Lexington, N. C.....	1865	9
Feete, Daniel. Norristown, Pa.....	1837	37	Hefley, James. Canal Winchester, O.....	1861	13
Feige, F. Castle, Mo.....	1872	2	Heilman, Cal. U. Lancaster, Pa.....	1865	9
Fenneman, Wm. H. Tiffin, O.....	1859	15	Heilman, U. H. Lewisburg, Pa.....	1863	11
Ferrel, Thomas. Carrollton, O.....	1864	10	Heisler, D. Y. Mont Alto, Franklin co., Pa.....	1845	29
Fisher, C. G. Blue Bell, Montg. co., Pa.....	1866	8	Helfrich, Dr. Wm. A. Fogelsville, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1846	28
Fisher, Dr. S. R. 977 Arch st., Philadelphia.....	1836	38	Heller, A. J. Williamsport, Pa.....	1865	9
Fogel, E. J. Fogelsville, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1864	10	Heller, Jeremiah. Hillsboro, O.....	1837	37
Foil, John A. Newton, N. C.....	1873	1	Helm, J. F. Kidder, Caldwell co., Mo.....	1859	15
Forwick, F. Cleveland, O.....	1868	6	Helming, H. Indianapolis, Ind.....	1866	8
Foulk, J. S. Carlisle, Pa.....	1844	30	Hendrickson, W. C. Philadelphia, Pa.....	1870	4
Fouse, D. S. Lisbon, Iowa.....	1867	7	Henneman, J. C. Beaver, Pike co., O.....	1844	26
Fox, Fred. Napa City, Cal.....	1864	10	Henning, G. W. Canton, O.....	1863	11
Frankel, M. Hazelton, Pa.....	1867	7	Henry, Austin. Kingston, Ross co., O.....	1873	1
Fritch, M. L. Reading, Pa.....	1873	1	Henschen, E. W. Neenah, Wis.....	1873	1
Fritchey, John G. Lancaster, Pa.....	1828	46	Hensell, J. C. Mt. Crawford, Va.....	1837	37
Fritzing, J. Bath, Pa.....	1857	17	Herbruck, El. Canton, O.....	1869	5
Fuendeling, Julius. Reading, Pa.....	1863	6	Herbruck, P. Canton, O.....	1834	40
Fulcason, D. K. Shelbyville, Ill.....	1872	2	Herman, A. J. Maxatawny, Pa.....		
Fuerer, E. F. E. Girard, Iowa.....	1870	4	Herman, J. L. L. L. Kutztown, Pa.....	1899	35
			Herman, H. M. West Alexandria, O.....	1862	12
Gans, Dr. Daniel. Baltimore, Md.....	1848	26	Herman, L. C. Gilbertsville, Montg. co., Pa.....	1839	35
Gantenbein, J. 1544 Christian st., Phila.....	1850	24	Herman, C. C. Kutztown, Pa.....	1872	2
Gast, F. A. Lancaster, Pa.....	1859	15	Herold, J. Charlestown, Ind.....	1870	4
Geary, A. C. St. Clairsville, Pa.....	1870	4	Herr, Wm. Sulphur Springs, O.....	1873	1
Geekier, G. Freetown, Jackson co., Ind.....	1860	14	Hess, Henry. Pleasant Hill, Bucks co., Pa.....	1847	27
Gehr, Nich. 1230 N. 6th st., Phila., Pa.....	1849	25	Hess, S. Hellertown, Northamp co., Pa.....	1827	47
Gehring, J. D. Constantine, Mich.....	1866	8	Heyser, H. C. Greenville, Mercer co., Pa.....	1859	15
Gerhard, Calvin S. Sunbury, Pa.....	1870	4	Hibschman, H. W. H. Waynesboro, Pa.....	1863	11
Gerhard, D. W. New Holland, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1866	8	Hiest, Eli. Grantsville, Dauphin co., Pa.....	1865	9
Gerhard, W. T. Lancaster, Pa.....	1836	38	Hiest, J. E. Annville, Lebanon co., Pa.....	1851	23
Gerhart, Dr. Em. V. Lancaster, Pa.....	1841	33	Higbee, Dr. Elnathan E. Mercersburg, Pa.....	1854	20
Gerhart, R. L. Reigelsville, Pa.....	1871	3	Hilbisch, Henry. North Lima, O.....	1865	9
Getzenlanger, H. Union City, Ind.....	1866	8	Hines, Jesse. Akron, O.....	1846	28
Gilda, N. E. Mechanicsburg, Fred. co., Md.....	1851	23	Hinske, R. Waukesha, Wis.....	1868	6
Gilpin, Wm. Baltimore, Fairfield co., O.....	1863	11	Hoffmeins, John A. Alleghany City, Pa.....	1866	8
Glessner, G. W. Lancaster, Pa.....	1832	42	Hoffman, Henry. Shannondale, Pa.....	1845	29
Good, Chas. W. Germantown, O.....	1873	1	Hoffman, P. P. A. Oley, Berks co., Pa.....	1861	13
Good, Dr. J. H. Tiffin, O.....	1846	23	Hoffmeier, C. F. Troutville, Pa.....	1844	30
Good, Prof. R. Tiffin, O.....	1846	23	Hoffmeier, H. W. Liverpool, Pa.....	1869	5
Goodrich, W. Clearspring, Washington co., Md.....	1851	23	Hoffmeier, T. F. Bloomsburg, Pa.....	1868	6
Goss, S. C. Wadsworth, Medina co., O.....	1866	8	Hofford, Prof. Wm. R. Allentown, Pa.....	1858	16
Gough, John S. German, O.....	1871	3	Hottenstein, A. R. Berwick, Columbia co., Pa.....	1862	12
Graselt, J. E. Tamaqua, Pa.....	1859	25	Houtz, Wm. C. Lineville, Clarion co., Pa.....	1864	10
Grandlenger, H. L. New York City.....	1868	6	Houtz, Alfred. Orangeville, Pa.....	1869	5
Grant, James. Bradensville, Westm. co., Pa.....	1871	3	Hoymann, C. W. Somerset, O.....	1858	15
Grael, J. Mosel, Sheboygan co., Wis.....	1872	2	Huber, S. M. K. Worcester, Pa.....	1864	10
Greding, Prof. P. New Philadelphia, O.....	1859	15	Huecker, B. R. Alma, Wis.....	1861	6
			Hullhorst, Fred. Columbus, Neb.....	1863	11

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Hullhorst, Prof. C. G. A. Shelbyville, Ill.....	1871	3	Leberman, D. D. Meadville, Pa.....	1864	10
Hunsche, F. Marshalltown, Iowa.....	1860	14	Leberman, L. D. Pottstown, Pa.....	1846	28
Ingle, J. China Grove, Rowan co., N. C.....	1865	9	Leberman, J. J. Louisville, Stark co., O.....	1873	1
Ingold, J. Hickory Tavern, N. C.....	1844	30	Le Fevre, J. M. Fairfield, Greene co., O.....	1856	18
Jannett, J. J. Hausertown, Ind.....	1869	5	Lefevre, W. D. Sarah, Pa.....	1864	10
Janssen, R. Herman, Mo.....	1872	2	Leich, F. P. Cedar Creek, Wis.....	1870	4
Joeris, P. Poland, Clay co., Ind.....	1857	17	Leidy, Geo. Norristown, Pa.....	1819	65
Johnston, G. H. Easton, Pa.....	1862	12	Leinbach, Aaron S. Reading, Pa.....	1848	26
Johnston, Dr. T. S. Lebanon, Pa.....	1858	16	Leinbach, Chas. H. Stouchburg, Pa.....	1841	33
Johnston, J. O. Schuylkill Haven, Pa.....	1871	3	Leinbach, T. C. Womelsdorf, Pa.....	1860	14
Kanne, A. Wabasha, Minn.....	1870	4	Leinbach, S. A. Laubach, Pa.....	1867	7
Keever, H. F. Lipsesville, Pa.....	1867	7	Leis, J. A. Warnersville, Pa.....	1835	39
Kefauvre, L. H. Tiffin, O.....	1854	20	Leisse, Henry. Orwigsburg, Pa.....	1872	2
Kehn, Jacob. Sellersville, Pa.....	1861	13	Leiter, Dr. S. B. Wadsworth, O.....	1835	39
Keller, Prof. Jos. A. Republic, O.....	1872	2	Leonard, Geo. H. Basil, Fairfield co., O.....	1861	13
Keller, Eli. Canal Winchester, O.....	1855	19	Lerch, J. V. Shelbyville, Ill.....	1873	1
Keller, Chr. Bridesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.....	1872	2	Lescher, J. W. Millersburg, Dauphin co., Pa.....	1844	30
Keller, C. Louisville, Ky.....	1871	3	Lepp, A. Rahway, N. J.....	1871	3
Keller, D. W. Shamokin, Pa.....	1858	16	Leupp, A. Almond, Portage co., Wis.....	1862	12
Kemmerer, D. Wooster, O.....	1827	47	Levan, F. K. Pittsburg, Pa.....	1857	17
Kendig, John M. Columbiana, O.....	1872	2	Lienkaemper, C. Waukon, Iowa.....	1854	20
Kercher, J. La Rose, Marshall co., Ill.....	1836	38	Lindeman, F. S. Blain, Pa.....	1872	2
Kerschner, Prof. J. B. Mercersburg, Pa.....	1862	12	Lisberger, R. Kreidersville, Pa.....	1863	11
Kerschner, L. M. Altamont, Ill.....	1869	5	Lohr, O. S. East Indies.....	1859	15
Kessler, S. N. L. Rossville, Clinton co., Ind.....	1868	6	Long, Henry F. Massillon, O.....	1866	6
Kessler, C. Leighton, Carbon co., Pa.....	1872	2	Long, P. A. Navarre, Stark co., O.....	1858	16
Kester, J. Marion, O.....	1865	9	Long, T. Salem, N. C.....	1865	9
Keyser, H. A. Mahanoy City, Pa.....	1870	4	Loos, I. K. Bethlehem, Pa.....	1854	20
Kieffer, Prof. J. B. Mercersburg, Pa.....	1868	6	Loose, J. S. Harrisonburg, Va.....	1851	23
Kieffer, J. S. Hagerstown, Md.....	1839	35	Loose, N. H. Shelby, Richland co., O.....	1858	16
Kieffer, Dr. Moses. Greencastle, Pa.....	1825	49	Loucks, M. Akron, O.....	1873	1
King, Henry. Stoutsville, Fairfield co., O.....	1825	49	Love, J. W. Greensburg, Westm. co., Pa.....	1862	12
King, Hiram. Bellefonte, Pa.....	1873	1	Ludwig, Dr. E. A. Bloomsburg, Pa.....	1869	5
King, Sol. N. Astoria, Ill.....	1857	17	Lukens, Chas. Frankford, Phila., Pa.....	1851	23
Kissell, J. F. Auburn, Ind.....	1854	20	Luescher, J. W. Preston, C. W.....	1864	10
Klar, J. C. Navarre, O.....	1852	22	Martin, G. W. Woodstock, Va.....	1842	32
Klein, D. G. Walker, Pa.....	1857	17	Martin, C. S. Evansville, Ind.....	1862	12
Klein, Dr. John H. Louisville, Ky.....	1853	21	Martz, C. F. Lawrenceburg, Ind.....	1873	1
Klein, J. Schuylkill Haven, Pa.....	1851	23	Masalsky, G. B. Titusville, Pa.....	1870	4
Klingler, J. Upper Sandusky, O.....	1853	21	Matzinger, Isaac. Ashland, O.....	1862	12
Klopp, D. E. Philadelphia, Pa.....	1862	12	May, Josiah. Findlay, O.....	1864	10
Klug, J. T. Milwaukee, Wis.....	1854	20	Mayer, Jacob. Lock Haven, Pa.....	1823	51
Knauer, C. J. Alleghany City, Pa.....	1873	1	Mayer, L. J. New Hanover, Montg. co., Pa.....	1860	14
Knepper, B. Wellersburg, Pa.....	1846	28	McCaughy, Wm. Greenville, Darke co., O.....	1857	17
Knepper, Charles. Mansfield Valley, Pa.....	1869	5	McCauley, Dr. C. F. Reading, Pa.....	1844	30
Knepper, Prof. C. O. Tiffin, O.....	1856	18	McConnel, John. Corydon Ind.....	1855	19
Knib, John. Preston, C. West.....	1856	18	Mease Samuel. Cincinnati, O.....	1855	19
Knist, J. B. Buffalo, N. Y.....	1858	16	Mechling, G. Z. Hamilton, O.....	1857	17
Knipe, Jesse B. Chester Springs, Pa.....	1830	44	Meckley, John. Petersburg, O.....	1869	5
Kohl, Peter. Ai. O.....	1863	11	Meiboom, G. H. Ironton O.....	1871	3
Koplin, A. B. Elk Lick, Pa.....	1857	17	Merz, A. Waumundee, Wis.....	1870	4
Kortheuer, H. Massillon, O.....	1858	16	Michael, J. Liberty Center, Henry co. O.....	1859	15
Krahn, Albert. Hazelton, Pa.....	1858	16	Mickley, J. M. McKnightstown, Adams co., Pa.....	1859	15
Krebs, Prof. W. E. Lancaster, Pa.....	1839	35	Miller, E. D. Canaan Wayne co., O.....	1866	8
Kremer, Dr. Amos H. Lancaster, Pa.....	1859	15	Miller, Henry. Waynesboro, Pa.....	1835	39
Kremer, A. R. Emmittsburg, Md.....	1871	3	Miller, Dr. J. O. York Pa.....	1850	24
Kremer, Ellis N. Bedford, Pa.....	1854	30	Miller, M. A. Carrollton O.....	1849	25
Kremer, Dr. F. W. Lebanon, O.....	1870	4	Miller, S. 608 Franklin st. Philadelphia, Pa.....	1843	31
Kremer, S. K. Martinsburg, West Va.....	1870	4	Miller, Simon S. Jefferson, Md.....	1865	9
Kretzing, John. Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.....	1863	11	Millett, J. K. Walker, Center co. Pa.....	1860	14
Kroh, Dan'l. Erie, Mich.....	1841	33	Mohr, F. J. Quakertown Pa.....	1852	22
Kroh, P. H. Anna, Union co., Ill.....	1850	24	Mosser, Henry. Reading, Pa.....	1860	14
Kuckerman, J. H. W. Knoxville, O.....	1871	3	Muhlmeier, Prof. H. A. Franklin, Sheb'g'n co., Wis.....	1853	21
Krueger, J. H. San Francisco Cal.....	1870	4	Muelder Dr. G. Pittsburg, Pa.....	1865	9
Kuenzler, F. Chicago, Ill.....	1860	14	Mullhaupt, J. Stockton Cal.....	1872	2
Kuilen, G. Vermillion O.....	1865	9	Mueller, I. C. Wheeling, West Va.....	1868	6
Kuhn, Jacob. Duck Creek, Iowa.....	1863	6	Mueller Martin. Fostoria, O.....	1860	14
Kuhn, Sam'l. Hammelstown, Pa.....	1850	24	Mutschler, C. H. Jonestown Pa.....	1870	4
Kurtz, Dr. H. Sheboygan, Wis.....	1860	14	Myers, Prof. S. R. Shelbyville, Ill.....	1872	2
Kurtz, Julius. Tamaqua, Pa.....	1857	17	Naille, J. Bluffton, Wells co., Ind.....	1840	34
Kurtzman, G. Rochester, Wis.....	1860	14	Neef, G. Baltimore, Md.....	1870	4
Kuelling, John. Cincinnati, O.....	1858	16	Niehoff John. Haskins, Wood co., O.....	1868	6
Kuntzell, W. Lowell, Dodge co., Wis.....	1869	5	Neuber, J. G. 1304 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1860	14
Kuss, C. Rochester, N. Y.....	1849	25	Nevin, Dr. J. W. Lancaster Pa.....	1829	45
Lady, D. B. Mt. Pleasant, Westm. co., Pa.....	1872	2	Nevin, Dr. E. H. 710 Marshall st., Phila. Pa.....	1861	13
Lake, O. E. Ashland O.....	1864	10	Nickolai, J. A. Goshen Elkhart co., Md.....	1864	10
Landis, W. M. Rebersburg, Pa.....	1864	10	No-s, J. G. 529 N. 37th st., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1870	4
Lantz, D. Foreston, Ill.....	1844	30	Novinger, J. A. New Bedford, O.....	1870	4
Leasure, L. B. Irwin Station, Pa.....	1872	2	Oeschner, Chr. Young America Carver co., Minn.....	1870	4

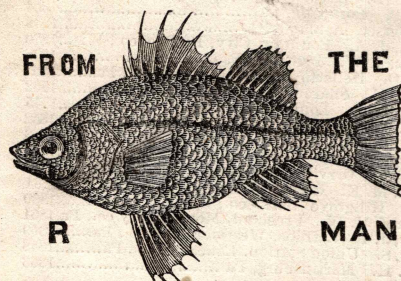
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Pence, John. Fremont, Clark co., O.....	1824	50	Schwedes, Prof. R. S. Tiffin, O.....	1862	12
Pennypacker, J. J. Rimersburg, Pa.....	1869	5	Sechler, Jacob. Hanover, York co., Pa.....	1837	37
Perkins, L. B. Columbiana O.....			Sechler, Joseph. Lena, Ill.....	1867	7
Peters, J. A. Alexandria, Huntingdon co., Pa.....	1864	10	Sechler, Josiah S. McConnellsburg, Fulton co., Pa.....	1850	24
Pilgram, F. Greenville, Mercer co. Pa.....	1867	7	Shade, Hiram. Sidney, O.....	1844	30
Pister, Jacob. 49 S. Howard st., Baltimore, Md.....	1867	7	Shaul, Hiram. Congress, Wayne co., O.....	1861	13
Pluess, C. Cleveland, O.....	1849	25	Shaw, Samuel. Doylestown, Bucks co., Pa.....	1865	9
Poerner, J. B. Weatherly, Carbon co. Pa.....	1846	23	Sheip, L. C. Millersville, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1848	26
Porter, Dr. S. C. Easton, Pa.....	1849	25	Shenkle, A. B. Nimisila, Summit co., O.....	1864	10
Poulson Thos. L. Baltimore, Md.....			Snepler, J. E. Lamartine, Clarion co., Pa.....	1860	14
Prakschatis L. Terre Haute, Ind.....	1864	10	Shoemaker, E. D. Pattonville, Bedford co., Pa.....	1860	14
Prugh, Peter C. Cincinnati, O.....	1851	23	Shoemaker, J. G. Carlsville, Clarion co., Pa.....	1855	19
Rahausen, Reuben.....	1873	1	Shoutz, J. B. Wilton, Iowa.....	1871	3
Reiche, G. J. Rising Sun, Ind.....	1873	1	Shumaker, Hiram. Springboro, O.....	1870	4
Reid, S. H. Milton, Pa.....	1842	32	Shumaker, J. B. Lancaster, Pa.....	1867	7
Reilly, Wm. M. Meyerstown, Pa.....	1864	10	Shumaker, M. L. Burkittsville, Md.....	1844	30
Reinecke, E. W. Nazareth, Pa.....	1848	26	Shuford, M. L. Middlebrook, Va.....	1869	5
Reiter, C. H. Aaronsburg, Pa..... (Jan.)	1855	20	Shulenberger, W. C. B. Middlebrook, Va.....	1869	5
Reiter, David H. Berrien Springs, Mich.....	1858	16	Sites, Isaac H. Dakota, Ill.....	1870	4
Reiter, Isaac H. Miamisburg, O.....	1854	20	Skinner, John R. Winnemac, Ind.....	1873	1
Renter, Wm. Kelley's Island, Erie co., O.....	1860	14	Skyles, N. H. Man's Choice, Bedford co., Pa.....	1863	11
Rettig, Geo. Monticello, Iowa.....	1850	24	Smith, J. A. Anna, Union co., Ill.....	1870	4
Rettig, John. Wheatland, Iowa.....	1859	15	Smith, M. A. Nazareth, Pa.....	1850	24
Riale, Joshua. Blairstown, Iowa.....	1857	17	Smith, R. A. York, Pa.....	1862	12
Richards, Jesse. St. Paris, O.....	1848	26	Smith, G. W. Danville, Pa.....	1872	2
Rickli, S. S. Columbus, O.....	1844	30	Snyder, J. F. Manor Dale, Westm. co., Pa.....	1864	10
Rieke, Herman. Hackensack, N. J.....	1870	4	Snyder, N. Z. Bethlehem, Pa.....	1871	3
Riegel, Daniel. Dillsburg, York co., Pa.....	1839	35	Snyder, N. Z. Harrisburg, Pa.....	1864	10
Rike, Levi. Farmersville, O.....	1854	20	Snyder, W. H. H. Harrisburg, Pa.....	1866	18
Rinker, H. St. John. Hamburg, Shenan. co., Va.....	1844	30	Sorber, W. Vincent, Chester co., Pa.....	1856	18
Rittenhouse, C. A. Kreidersville, Pa.....	1857	17	Souder, J. M. Woodsboro, Md.....	1872	2
Romeis, John. LaCrosse, Wis.....	1864	10	Spangler, Aaron. New Oxford, Pa.....	1870	4
Rodenberg, F. W. Crothersville, Ind.....	1869	5	Spangler, E. Farmers' Center, Defiance co., O.....	1853	21
Romich, A. 2023 Parrish st., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1851	23	Spangler, E. Farmers' Center, Defiance co., O.....	1853	21
Roser, P. North Vernon, Jennings co., Ind.....	1856	18	Spangler, P. J. Plymouth, Ind.....	1845	29
Rositer, J. T. Shepherdstown, West Va.....	1871	3	Spangler, P. J. Freeport, Ill.....	1873	1
Rodrock, W. D. C. Eureka, Pa.....	1852	22	Spangler, J. H. Decatur, Adams co., Ind.....	1854	20
Rothrock, D. Bucksville, Bucks co., Pa.....	1858	16	Spies, Wm. Decatur, Adams co., Ind.....	1854	20
Rowland, M. S. East Vincent, Chester co., Pa.....	1865	9	Stahr, Prof. John S. Lancaster, Pa.....	1872	2
Ruetenik, Dr. H. J. Franklin, Sheboygan co., Wis.....	1852	22	Stahr, Prof. John S. Knoxville, Md.....	1846	28
Ruhl, J. Frostburg, Md.....	1846	28	Staley, Dr. Geo. L. Knoxville, Md.....	1846	28
Ruhl, J. B. South West, Ind.....	1845	29	Staufner, A. S. St. Clair, Schuylkill co., Pa.....	1873	1
Ruhl, John G. Findlay, O.....	1847	27	Staufner, T. F. Wilkinsburg, Alleghany co., Pa.....	1865	9
Ruhl, Philip. Kenton, O.....	1871	3	Stechow, Wm. Arnheim, Brown co., O.....	1869	5
Rupley, F. A. Middletown, Md.....	1844	30	Steckel, L. D. Landisburg, Pa.....	1869	5
Rupp, Wm. Berlin, Somerset co., Pa.....	1864	10	Steckel, L. D. Landisburg, Pa.....	1869	5
Russell, Dr. G. B. Pittsburg, Pa.....	1854	20	Stein, J. P. Pottsville, Pa.....	1864	10
Rust, Dr. Herman. Tiffin, O.....	1850	24	Stein, J. P. Pottsville, Pa.....	1864	10
Rusterholz, H. Manitowoc, Wis.....	1872	2	Steinhart, J. A. Fountain City, Buffalo co., Wis.....	1870	4
Sandoe, H. H. Stonington, Christian co., Ill.....	1870	4	Steinmetz, J. W. Danville, Pa.....	1858	16
Sandoe, W. B. Auburn, Ind.....	1840	34	Stem, T. O. Hellertown, Northampton co., Pa.....	1867	7
Sangree, M. H. Bloody Run, Bedford co., Pa.....	1872	2	Steppler, J. H. Sharon, Mercer co., Pa.....	1862	12
Santee, J. W. Cavetown, Wash. co., Md.....	1850	24	Stern, Dr. Max. Louisville, Ky.....	1845	29
Schaad, Fred. Rogersville, Tusc. co., O.....	1864	10	Stern, M. G. I. Indianapolis, Ind.....	1852	22
Schaaf, Charles. Sandusky City, O.....	1866	8	Stern, M. G. I. Indianapolis, Ind.....	1852	22
Schade, E. F. A. Malvern, Carroll co., O.....	1869	5	Stoll, A. Breslau, Long Island, N. Y.....	1873	1
Schaub, David.....			Stoll, A. Breslau, Long Island, N. Y.....	1873	1
Scheel, C. Greentown, Stark co., O.....	1856	18	Strassburger, N. S. Allentown, Pa.....	1847	27
Schild, Carl. Union Springs, Cayuga co., N. Y.....			Strassner, F. Orrville, Wayne co., O.....	1859	15
Schiller, C. Akron, O.....	1857	17	Stroes, H. M. K. Clynner, Chautauque co. N. Y.....	1861	13
Schlappig, J. H. Overton, Pa.....	1868	8	Stuck, J. Hillgrove Darke co., O.....	1859	15
Schlosser, Jesse. Three Rivers, Mich.....	1844	30	Stuck, J. Hillgrove Darke co., O.....	1859	15
Schmitzler, T. Schleswig, Wis.....	1873	1	Super, Prof. H. W. Freeland, Montgomery co., Pa.....	1851	23
Schneck, A. Bluffton, Allen co., O.....	1870	4	Swander, J. I. Latrobe, Westmoreland co., Pa.....	1859	15
Schneck, Dr. G. S. Chambersburg, Pa.....	1828	46	Switzer, S. Union Station, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1863	6
Schnick, J. P. Atlanta, Macon co., Mo.....	1873	1	Sykes, J. H. Martinsburg, Pa.....	1863	11
Schneider, Dr. Benj. Aintab, Syria.....	1844	30	Tendick, P. Attica, Seneca co., O.....	1858	16
Schoelder, D. E. Brodheadville, Pa.....	1868	6	Thomas, S. Triadelphia, W. Va.....	1871	3
Schoepfle, C. H. Mormon Cooily, Wis.....	1865	9	Thompson, J. B. Butler, Butler co., Pa.....	1850	24
Schorer, Wm. LaCrosse, Wis.....	1868	6	Thompson, J. B. Butler, Butler co., Pa.....	1850	24
Schory, P. D. Lancaster, O.....	1844	30	Titzel, J. M. Irwin, Westmoreland co., Pa.....	1855	16
Schroeder, A. Freeport, Ill.....	1850	24	Tobias, D. C. Litiz, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1870	4
Schroth, Daniel. Marion, O.....	1869	5	Toensmeier, Aug. Toledo, O.....	1852	22
Schuelke, Paul F. Cleveland, O.....	1871	3	Transue, S. Katztown, Pa.....	1863	11
Schultz, C. W. Camden, N. J.....	1857	17	Trautman, H. Cleveland, O.....	1863	11
Schultz, E. M. New York City.....	1870	4	Trexler, P. M. Salisbury, N. C.....	1871	3
Schultz, J. A. Reading, Pa.....	1864	10	Truxal, A. E. Somerset, Pa.....	1872	2
Schwartz, F. H. Bethlehem, Pa.....	1870	4	Vandersloot, F. W. York, Pa.....	1830	44
Schwartz, L. B. Boston, Mass.....	1845	29	Van Haagen, J. Freeland, Montgomery co., Pa.....	1867	7
Schwartz, J. Loran, Stephenson co., Ill.....	1861	13	Van Horn, David. Dayton, O.....	1861	13
Schwartz, P. A. Boston, Mass.....	1859	15	Vergenz, J. F. Elmore, Wis.....	1856	18
			Vitz, P. Lafayette, Ind.....	1867	7
			Voegelin, John. Dunkirk, N. Y.....	1846	23
			Vogt, John. Delaware, O.....	1829	45
			Voigt, H. E. F. Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland co., Pa.....	1872	2
			Von Gruning, J. Watertown, Wis.....	1855	19
			Wagner, S. G. Allentown, Pa.....	1870	4
			Waldberger, J. J. Elyria, O.....	1845	29
			Wall, Fred. Balm, Mercer co., Pa.....	1843	31
			Wanner, A. York, Pa.....	1843	31

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Warth, C. F. Lawrenceburg, Ind.....	1873	1	Wolff, D. W. Arendtsville, Adams co., Pa.....	1856	18
Wasnich, Wendel. Pulaski, Williams co., O.....	1845	29	Wolff George. Meyerstown, Pa.....	1849	25
Watermuller, L. H. Sheboygan, Wis.....	1871	3	Wolff, John G. Lancaster, Pa.....	1837	37
Weaver, J. Sidney, O.....	1847	27			
Wegerf, H. New Bavaria, Henry co., O.....	1870	4	Yearick, W. R. Hilltown, Bucks co., Pa.....	1844	30
Weber, Geo. Blairstown, Iowa.....	1853	21	Yockey, S. B. Xenia, O.....	1868	6
Weiler, C. Gallion, O.....	1836	38	Young, J. E. West Liberty, Iowa.....	1869	5
Weiser, C. T. Pennsburg, Montgomery co., Pa.....	1854	20	Young, J. Christ. Cleveland, O.....	1873	1
Weiser, D. Pennsburg, Montgomery co., Pa.....	1824	50			
Weiss, Benj. Lenhartsville, Pa.....	1871	3	Zacharias, G. R. Up. Strasburg, Franklin co., Pa.....	1861	13
Weisz, I. S. Stone Church, Northampton co., Pa.....	1843	31	Zahner, Dr. J. G. Shanesville, O.....	1847	27
Welker, Dr. G. W. Shaw's Mills, Guilfd co., N. C.....	1842	32	Zartman, Amos F. Wooster, O.....	1872	2
Welty, J. B. Paulton, Pa.....	1872	2	Zarnbeck, F. Caledonia, Wis.....	1867	7
Wernly, J. Los Angeles, Cal.....	1871	3	Zehring, J. D. Codorus, York co., Pa.....	1846	28
Whitmer, A. C. Altoona, Blair co., Pa.....	1863	11	Zeiser, Philip. Hamburg, Mercer co., Pa.....	1825 (?)	49
Wiant, John F. Elderton, Armstrong co., Pa.....	1869	5	Zeller, J. Lock Haven, Pa.....	1830	44
Wiehle, J. G. 530 St. John st., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1858	16	Zenke, L. Kiel, Wis.....	1872	2
Wiers, Nicholas. Cincinnati, O.....	1873	1	Zerbe, Alvin S. Cincinnati, O.....		
Willers, Dr. D. Fayette, Seneca co., N. Y.	1821	53	Zeber, Dr. W. K. Hanover, York co., Pa.....	1851	23
Williard, Dr. G. W. Tiffin, O.....	1840	34	Ziegler, A. F. Bingen, Northampton co., Pa.....	1869	5
Williard, H. Lancaster, O.....	1837	37	Ziegler, Dr. Dani l. York, Pa.....	1830	44
Wilson, Harvey. Shelbyville, Ill.....	1870	4	Ziegler, Jacob. York, Pa.....	1837	37
Windemuth G. Manitowoc, Wis.....	1869	5	Ziegler, L. Alma, uffalo co., Wis.....	1873	1
Winter, H. A. Waukesha, Wis.....	1852	22	Zimmerman, D. Gallion, O.....	1859	15
Winter, J. Crestline, O.....	1861	13	Zimmerman, W. H. Frederick City, Md.....	1840	34
Winters, Dr. David. Dayton, O.....	1824	50	Zinch, H. K. Stone Creek, Tuscarawas co., O.....	1861	13
Winters, T. H. Xenia, O.....	1835	39	Ziph, C. G. Haskins, Wood co., O.....	1869	5
Wise, F. South Bend, Armstrong co., Pa.....	1851	23	Zuilch, John. Steinsville, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1819	55
Wissler, H. Duncannon, Pa.....	1856	18	Zumpe, G. H. Terra Haute, Ind.....	1834	40
Wittenwieler, W. North Vernon, Ill.....	1862	12	Zumpe, J. B. Tremont, O.....	1864	10
Woehler, E. T. H. Appleton, Wis.....	1850	24	Zurcher, J. H. Junction, O.....	1854 (?)	20
Wolbach, John. Greenbrier, Pa.....	1869	5	Zwisler, Charles. Canfield, O.....	1825	49
Wolf, Prof. D. M. Lancaster, Pa.....	1870	4			

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Comparative Statistics of the Reformed Church in the West.

YEAR.	MINISTERS.	BAPTISMS.	MEMBERS RECEIVED.	TOTAL MEMBERS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
					SYNODICAL.	BENEVOLENT.
1856	125	1,991	1,620	15,200	\$ 76 64	\$ 1,310 74
1857	138	2,333	1,861	16,701	292 92	3,749 69
1858	135	2,259	1,625	17,955	372 00	2,995 38
1859	143	2,911	2,501	19,459	364 00	3,714 30
1860	151	2,740	2,248	20,626	389 50	4,067 29
1861	167	3,102	2,568	21,700	468 25	4,991 10
1862	168	3,319	2,557	22,800	350 95	5,300 54
1863	179	3,393	2,451	23,994	374 45	5,901 81
1864	191	3,579	2,357	25,151	401 71	17,974 15
1865	207	3,195	2,439	26,495	482 34	8,428 58
1866	204	3,299	2,571	28,000	559 39	11,145 63
1867	213	2,987	2,551	28,278	575 83	10,821 41
1868	219	3,041	2,948	29,426	635 09	23,539 71
1869	222	3,304	3,872	29,626	676 55	21,528 49
1870	223	3,051	3,050	28,184	636 56	12,382 98
1871	236	3,342	3,693	31,013	679 55	13,097 54
1872	243	3,493	3,859	32,141	915 84	13,352 82
1873	252	3,471	3,621	34,037	1,119 72	18,126 43

The above Statistics, including the Ohio Synod and the Northwestern Synod (organized out of the Ohio Synod, in 1867), though carefully prepared, may be deficient in some particulars, but sufficiently approximate the truth to be relied upon for all practical purposes. The decrease of members in 1870, as exhibited in the column of "Total Members," is owing to the fact of the dismission of the Westmoreland Classis to the Pittsburg Synod. It will be seen that the growth of the Reformed Church in the West has been of a gradual and permanent character, and while her present condition presents many aspects of encouragement, the future is full of hope and promise.

Contributions to Benevolent Purposes by the Reformed Church.

The following table presents the gross sums reported as contributed to benevolent purposes, in the different Synods of the Reformed Church, during the past nine years. It is however proper to remark that the *actual amounts* contributed are doubtless much larger—probably fifty per cent. more than is contained in the Synodical Reports.

YEAR.	EASTERN SYNOD.	OHIO SYNOD.	NORTHWESTERN SYNOD.	PITTSBURG SYNOD.
1864	\$79,067 21	\$17,974 15		
1865	36,271 08	8,424 58		
1866	49,736 83	11,240 63		
1867	51,531 76	10,204 88	\$3,344 05	
1868	63,744 38	18,349 44	5,190 27	
1869	54,924 66	13,874 63	5,653 86	
1870	46,365 70	11,119 98	9,954 35	\$8,558 96
1871	45,561 29	7,257 08	5,840 08	8,056 19
1872	63,362 76	8,323 11	5,029 71	9,936 00
1873		10,771 56	7,356 87	
	\$490,565 67	\$117,540 04	\$42,369 19	\$26,551 15

NOTE.—The Northwestern Synod was formed in 1867, out of a portion of the Ohio Synod. The Pittsburg Synod was formed in 1870, partly from Classes belonging to the Eastern, and partly from Classes belonging to the Ohio Synod. This explains some apparent diminutions in the amount of benevolent contributions.

Meetings and Officers of the Synod of Ohio.

As a record of interest and permanent value, we here present a chronological schedule, exhibiting the time and place of the annual and special meetings of the Synod of Ohio, together with the names of its officers, from the date of its organization in 1824 up to 1874.

DATE OF MEETING.	PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	STATED CLERK.†	TREASURER.
1824, June 14	New Philadelphia, O.	Rev. John P. Mahnenschmidt.	Rev. Henry Sonnedecker.	Rev. George Weisz.
1825, May 29	Germantown, O.	" Thomas Winters.	" Jacob Descombes.	" "
1826, May 21	Lancaster, O.	" George Weisz.	" Thomas Winters.	" "
1827, June 11	Germantown, O.	" "	" Jacob Descombes.	" "
1828, June 1	Canton, O.	" Thomas Winters.	" John W. Hamm.	" "
1829, June 14	Adelphi, O.	" George Weisz.	" David Long.	" "
1830, June 6	Miamisburg, O.	" Henry Dieffenbach.	" David Winters.	" "
1831, May 22	Uniontown, O.	" John W. Hamm.	" Philip Zeiser.	" "
1832, June 9	Lancaster, O.	" Thomas Winters.	" John Pence.	" "
1833, May 26	Xenia, O.	" George Weisz.	" Jacob Descombes.	" "
1834, May 18	Canton, O.	" David Winters.	" Philip Zeiser.	" "
1835, June 7	Tarleton, O.	" "	" John Pence.	" "
1836, May 22	Xenia, O.	" John Pence.	" Gerhard H. Zumppe.	" "
1837, May 14	Osnaburg, O.	" Lebrecht L. Hinsch.	" George Schlosser.	" "
1838, June 17	Wooster, O.	" George Weisz.	" J. G. Buettner, Ph. D.	" "
1839, June 2	Lancaster, O.	" Thomas Winters.	" C. H. A. Allardt.	Mr. John U. Giesy.
1842,* October 1	Canton, O.	" David Winters.	" Nicholas P. Hacke.	" "
1843, October 7	Wooster, O.	" George Weisz.	" William Conrad.	" "
1844, Sept. 26	Greensburg, Pa.	" David Kemmerer.	" George Schlosser.	" "
1845, August 15	Xenia, O.	" Samuel B. Leiter.	" "	J. Coblentz, M. D.
1846, August 21	Columbus, O.	" William Conrad.	" "	John Williard, Esq.
1847, Sept. 2	Carrollton, O.	" Samuel Miller.	" "	" "
1848, August 18	Cincinnati, O.	" Andrew P. Freese.	" "	" "
1849, October 4	Tiffin, O.	" David Winters.	" Jeremiah H. Good.	Rev. Jer. H. Good.
1850,† April 18	Tarleton, O.	" Hiram Shaul, <i>pro. tem.</i>	" "	" "
1850, Sept. 26	Navarre, O.	" Emanuel V. Gerhart.	" "	" "
1850,* Dec. 14	Tiffin, O.	" "	" "	" "
1851, Sept. 25	Miamisburg, O.	" George W. Williard.	" "	Mr. William Hoff.
1852, August 12	Wooster, O.	" David Winters.	" "	" "
1853, Sept. 29	Neriah, Mich.	" George Long.	" "	Rev. I. S. Weisz.
1854, May 25	Greensburg, Pa.	" Nicholas P. Hacke.	" George W. Williard.	" "
1854,* Dec. 5	Delaware, O.	" "	" "	" "
1855, May 30	Xenia, O.	" William K. Zieber,	" "	" "
1856, May 14	Tiffin, O.	" Lawrence D. Leberman.	" "	" I. H. Reiter.
1857, May 20	Carrollton, O.	" Moses Kieffer.	" "	" "
1858, May 19	Fort Wayne, Ind.	" Herman Rust.	" "	" "
1859, May 18	Fairfield, O.	" Jeremiah Heller.	" "	" "
1860, May 30	Akron, O.	" Jeremiah H. Good.	" "	" "
1861, May 29	Delaware, O.	" David Winters.	" "	" "
1862, May 21	Dayton, O.	" George B. Russell.	" "	" "
1863, May 27	Tiffin, O.	" Herman Rust.	" "	" "
1864, May 25	Canton, O.	" John Vogt.	" "	" "
1865, May 31	Miamisburg, O.	" Joshua Riale.	" "	" "
1866, May 23	Galion, O.	" Joshua H. Derr.	" "	" "
1867, May 22	Fairfield, O.	" Samuel B. Leiter.	" "	" "
1868, June 3	Shelby, O.	" Isaac H. Reiter.	" "	" J. H. Good, D.D.
1869, May 21	Delaware, O.	" Samuel Mease.	" Theodore P. Bucher.	" "
1869,* Nov. 18	Dayton, O.	" "	" "	" "
1870, June 30	Tiffin, O.	" Reuben Good.	" Isaac H. Reiter.	" "
1871, May 17	Fairfield, O.	" Peter C. Prugh.	" "	" "
1872, May 1	Canton, O.	" Henry Williard.	" "	" "
1873, May 14	Shelbyville, Ill.	" Nathaniel H. Loose.	" "	" "

* The Synod of Ohio, by an arrangement adopted in 1839, divided its territory into three District Synods, and constituted itself a General Synod to meet every three years. Hence it held no meetings in 1840 and 1841, but the District Synods, meeting annually, did. This whole arrangement was abolished in 1842, and the system of dividing the Synod into Classes was adopted, and continued to the present time.

† Special meetings of Synod.

‡ The official title of Stated Clerk was that of *Secretary*, until 1844, when it was changed to that of Stated Clerk.

DEATH OF MINISTERS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH,

From September 1, 1872, to September, 1873.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAIND.	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.		
					YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Henry Wiegand,	1841	1841	White Pigeon, Mich.,	Oct. 20, 1872. •	62	6	14
John Lantz,	1837	1838	Taneytown, Md.,	Jan. 26, 1873,	61	7	7
William A. Good,	1833	1833	Reading, Pa.,	Feb. 9, 1873,	62	6	24
Daniel Zacharias,	1828	1828	Frederick, Md.,	March 31, 1873,	68		
Conrad Saure,	1856	1856	Cincinnati, O.,	May 21, 1873,	52	6	21
Peter S. Fisher,	1825	1826	Sellersville, Pa.,	May 22, 1873,	68	7	11
Francis M. Rasching,*	1833	1833	Cincinnati, O.,	Aug. 16, 1873,	70		
Theobald Fouse,	1842	1842	James Creek, Pa.,	Aug. 22, 1873,	70	7	26
John W. Hoffmeier,	1833	1833	Manchester, Md.,	Aug. 30, 1873,	65	6	2

* Mr. Raschig was a minister of the Reformed Church from 1833 to 1847, and subsequently till death connected with the (Independent) German Evangelical Church.

As bearing on the question of the longevity of ministers of the gospel, it will be noticed that in the year past there died in the Reformed ministry ten whose average age was over sixty-five years. This was certainly a goodly age to attain.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES
IN 1873.

DISTRICT SYNODS.	
Ohio Synod.....9 Classes.....	132
Northwestern Synod.....7 ".....	120
Synod in United States.....8 ".....	190
Pittsburg Synod.....6 ".....	58
Potomac Synod.....5 ".....	95
Total: 5 Synods; 35 Classes.	595
Ministers.	294
Congregations.	20,705
Members.	12,438
Members Unconfirmed.	10,929
Baptisms.	1,881
Confirmed.	1,490
Certificate.	651
Communicants.	17,652
Excommunicants, or Erasure of Names.	206
Dismissed.	240
Deaths.	685
Sunday-schools.	211
Sunday-school Scholars.	14,491
Benevolent Contributions.	\$10,771.66

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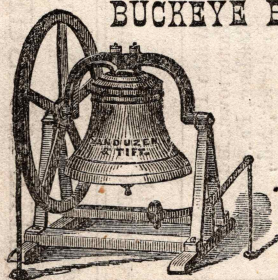
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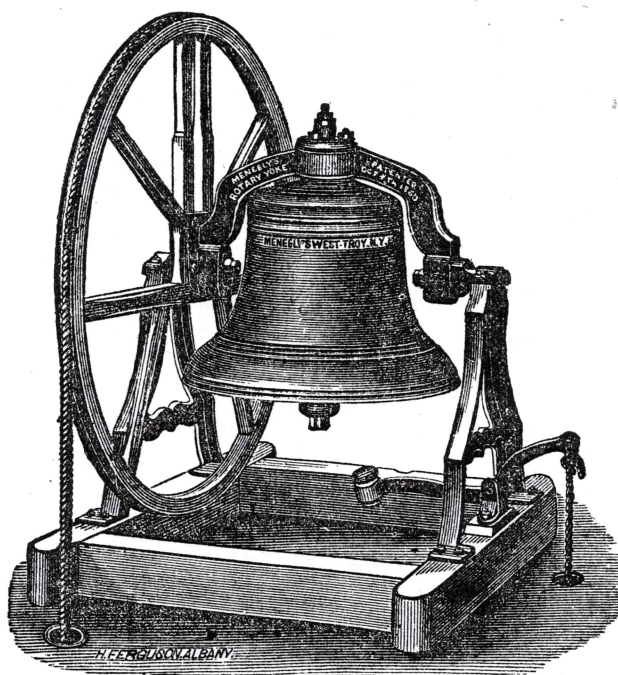
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